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Afro-American Relief Society.

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rive Funeral Services Covering Five Weeks for Negro Preacher of Cairo

CAIRO, Ga., Dec. 6.—Five funerals for the same person—that's the record now being made for John King, southwest Georgia negro leader and Baptist minister, who died in Bainbridge on Thanksgiving Day.

King was buried at Whigham Tuesday. He was pastor of five Missionary Baptist Churches in this section, one each at Bainbridge, Cairo, Thomasville and Whigham, and one rural church. An elaborate funeral service will be held at each of the churches beginning Sunday and continuing with one each week for five weeks.

King founded and was president of the Afro-American Relief Society, a fraternal and mutual insurance order with headquarters here.

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Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa

Grand Master Mosby Withdraws on Eve of K. and D. of A. Election

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BULLETIN

DAYTON, Ohio, Aug. 8.—The race for national grand master of the A. U. K. and D. of A. was narrowed down to a lone candidate Tuesday when Benjamin H. Mosby of Chicago, national grand master for the past eighteen months, withdrew as a candidate for re-election to prevent a split in the organization.

The convention went into wild disorder when the Chicagoan, a teacher at Wendell Phillips high school, announced his withdrawal.

Mosby refused to make his annual address and instead answered false charges made against him by St. Louis and Ohio delegates. Ernest Patello, of St. Louis, a former national deputy grand master, will in all probability be elevated to the post.

Insistent demands are being made upon Mosby to retain the office, which pays $300 monthly. Election is scheduled to be held Friday and the installation the following day.

By DAVID W. KELLUM
(Staff Correspondent)

DAYTON, Ohio, Aug. 8.—Bedecked in gay attire and thronged with visitors, Dayton, the city of cash registers, is host this week to the 23d annual national grand council of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa.

Since Saturday afternoon trains of 20 to 35 coaches, arriving at close intervals, have brought delegates from all sections of the country. It is estimated that before the closing of the conclave Saturday there will be at least 3,000 persons here.

Never before in the history of the city, it is said, has such extensive and elaborate decorations been seen. Hotels, the Y. M. C. A. and business houses along the principal streets are beautifully decorated with bunting, flags, emblems and shields. A variety of entertainment never before attempted at Dayton will be given the visiting throng.

2,000 in Uniforms

The National Grand council session is being held at Phillips Temple C. M. E. church, corner Broadway and Germantown St. The military department, under the supervision of Maj. Gen. J. A. Shackelford, is in encampment at the Montgomery county fair grounds. There are at least 2,000 men, women and children in uniforms.

The entire week will be taken up in various sessions, public meetings, entertainment, parades and receptions. The first of this group was in the form of a concert by various visiting bands of the order. Several thousand citizens, delegates and visitors attended the affair held at the Montgomery county fair grounds.

In the crowds that surged through the hotel and Y. M. C. A. lobbies and at Phillips Temple C. M. E. church, where the session is being held, there was a ripple of politics, and the various state delegations arranged caucuses to decide where and how they should throw their strength.

The fight for national grand master of the order will be keener this year than in the history of the order. An effort will be made to "dethrone" Benjamin H. Mosby, present national grand master, who, some say, has ruled for the past 18 months with an "iron hand."

Local and St. Louis delegates are leading the fight on Mosby. They favor Ernest Patillo, national district deputy and past national grand deputy grand master. Chicago, Milwaukee, Cincinnati and New York and many of the eastern delegates are sure they will succeed in re-electing the present national grand master.

Chicagoans Favor Mosby

M. T. Bailey, national director of publicity of the National Grand council of Chicago and one of the floor leaders for Mosby, assisted by Rev. George B. Riley, grand master of New Jersey; Clarence Roberson, Chicago; Attorney Joseph Snowden, chairman of the official committee; Rev. J. W. Hurse, national grand chaplain and president of the National Baptist Convention of America, and scores of other enthusiastic members of the stirring committee, declare that Mosby will win in the final round.

The contest between Patillo and Mosby may widen to such an extent that the National Grand council will not be able to close the 23d annual session at the scheduled time.

Patillo served under the late national grand master, William Herbert Fields, for more than 10 years and was succeeded by Ben H. Mosby at the Columbus, Ohio, meeting in August, 1928. Hence, following the death of Fields, Mosby succeeded to the chair of national grand master, filling the unexpired term of Fields.

Mosby Has Good Record

At the Kansas City, Mo., National Grand council session in 1929 Mosby was elected to serve as national grand master, which term expires this week.

Mosby, it is said, has made a splendid record during his 18 months at the head of the organization, considering the financial condition of the country today.

That the fight for the national grand master will be a heated one was shown Monday morning, when the opposing faction, in an effort to defeat Mosby, distributed circulars among other things, to the delegates. The circular gave 13 reasons why Mosby should not be re-elected.

The circular reads:

How can the grand master effectively direct the business of our organization while engaged in other work many hundred miles away from headquarters, coming to headquarters only a few days once every month or two.

Mosby, however, refused to answer his opponents until he makes his annual report later in the session. On his report alone the national grand master expects to be re-elected.

Tribute to Founder

Many of the speakers in their addresses to the convention paid high tributes to the life work and memory of William Herbert Fields, the late national grand master and founder of the organization, who served for 22 years as head of the organization in the military department. Through the efforts of the late national grand master the organization grew to a membership of 40,000 in 31 states of the Union.

At an early date the grand lodge will unveil a monument to the memory of the late founder and national grand master.

Welcoming addresses by his honor Mayor A. C. MacDonald; State Treasurer H. Ross Ake, Columbus, representing Gov. Myer Y. Cooper, and Leslie L. Diehl, representing the Chamber of Commerce, featured the opening session Monday morning.

Other speakers included Gen. W. T. C. Ayers, Columbus, Ohio; Dr. T. L. Scott, Detroit; David C. Venerable, Indianapolis; Rev. George B. Riley, Paterson, N. J.; Attorney Joseph Snowden, Chicago; Rev. A. J. Allen, Dayton, Ohio; Rev. J. W. Hurse, national grand chaplain, Knsas City, Mo.; James A. Green, secretary Fifth St. Y. M. C. A.; Dr. S. H. D. David, surgeon general, Indianapolis; Leona Taylor, state grand queen of Ohio, district No. 2, and Miss Hazel Cooper, state grand queen of Rhode Island.

National Grand Master Mosby called the session to order promptly at 10 a. m., followed by the invocation by National Grand Chaplain Dr. Hurse of Kansas City. A song, "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds," followed, after which Mrs. Ozella Porterfield, assistant national grand secretary-treasurer, read the call.

Committee Appointments Delayed

The approving of the program as the official rules for the government of the convention and the appointment of the committee on credentials by the national grand master and also the appointment of other permanent committees by the national grand master was deferred until Tuesday.

This was done, it was thought, to frustrate the efforts of the opposing faction to oust the national grand master. The meeting adjourned shortly after 5 o'clock in order that the delegates might attend a public reception given by Nile council of Dayton.

Reports of grand officers and district deputies, reports of the most excellent queens and mother queens, partial reports of the official committee, reports of state grand masters and reports of the national grand officers featured the second day's morning session.

Tuesday's Mardi Gras rivaled the far-famed original of New Orleans. Old King Neptune, Happy Hooligan, the Katzenjammer Kids, Queen of Sheba, soldiers and sailors all helped to make the event a gala one. Thousands lined the streets to witness the spectacle. At the close of the parade the delegates and visitors attended the Mardi Gras fete at the fair grounds.

The national grand chaplain, Dr. Hurse, said the invocation for the third day's session, after which National Grand Master Mosby announced that he would listen to the reports of grand officers, most excellent queens and district deputies.

Review Military Unuit

During the late afternoon the visiting throng watched with much interest the review of the military department at the fair grounds. Maj. Gen. J. L. Shackelford was in charge. National Grand Master Mosby and other national grand officers were in the reviewing stands.

Perhaps the saddest part of the national grand council session was the memorial services Wednesday evening at Phillips temple. Speakers from every lodge throughout the country eulogized the late founder and national grand master, William Herbert Fields. Special musical numbers were rendered by the military bands and by a selected group of singers. Mrs. Elnora E. Claytor, national grand pianist.

The greatest parade Dayton has seen since the war was staged Thursday afternoon when the military department of the A. U. K. and D. of A., assisted by local, civic and fraternal organizations marched through the principal streets. Thousands of both races looked on and cheered.

At least a dozen bands blared forth sprightly airs that made the marchers forget the blazing sun. Cheers rang out for the juvenile corps. These youngsters, too, forgot the heat and marched like little soldiers.

Following a brief session Friday the national grand council adjourned in order that the delegates could attend the competitive drill of the uniform department of the A. U. K. and D. of A. Special musical numbers by the various visiting bands made the afternoon enjoyable.

The election of officers scheduled for Friday will, in all probability, be held Saturday morning since the delegates are divided as to who they want as national grand master and other national officers.

The closing session will be held at 12:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon after the site for the next convention has been chosen.

Name Grand Officers

National grand officers of the organization are: Ben H. Mosby, national grand master; Thomas Butler, national deputy grand master; Ozella Porterfield, acting assistant national grand secretary-treasurer; Julia Cordell, national grand queen; Daisy Swanson, national grand auditress; Elizabeth M. R. Fields, national grand princess; Rev. J. W. Hurse, national grand chaplain; Miss Lucille Wooley, national delinquent secretary; Mrs. Grace Patillo, national grand right maid of honor; Mrs. Lucille Adams, national grand left maid of honor; Mrs. Louise Hayden-White, national grand secretary-treasurer juvenile department; E. L. Westbrook, national grand guard; Mrs. Leona Dixon-McKinney, national grand mother queen of juvenile department; Mrs Sara Canty, national president officer's council; J. A. Shackleford major-general uniform department

State Grand Queens

Mrs. Eliza Jackson, Illinois; Mrs Eluma Kelley, Indiana; Mrs. Leona Taylor, Ohio; Mrs. Marjorie Holly, Missouri; Mrs. Mattie Coles, Virginia; Miss Hazel E. Cooper, Rhode Island; Mrs. Josephine Brown, Michigan; Mrs. Gertrude Emory, New York; Miss Hattie S. Baldwin, California; William H. Myers, state grand master, Connecticut; Mrs. Luella Briggs, Massachusetts; Mrs Ethel Turner, Kentucky; Mrs. Sophia Lyons, Western Missouri and Kansas; Mrs. Annie Kelley, Cincinnati and vicinity; Rev. George B. Riley state grand master, New Jersey.

State Grand Mother Queen

Mary W. Galloway, Missouri; Henrietta Dean, Illinois; Isaphina Young Indiana; Cora Evans, Ohio; Elizabeth Jones, New York; Margaret [illegible]y, Rhode Island, and Elsie Holland, Virginia.

National Medical Staff

Dr. T. L. Wallace, Dr. R. M. Young, Dr. W. M. Carter, Dr. Homer Wilburn, Dr. W. H. Dickson, Dr. Lloyd L. Jones, Dr. S. L. Wathall, Dr. S. H. J. David, surgeon general military department, Dr. Eugene F. Butler national medical director, U. S. A., with headquarters in Chicago.

National District Deputies

Mary Smith, Illinois; Flora Lewis, Ohio; Mamie Johnson, Missouri; Anna Ray, Ohio; Cora McIntyre, Ohio; Sallie Haven, Ohio; Tillie Griffin, Missouri; William Saunders, Missouri; Ida Garander, Missouri; John Harvey, Missouri; Lillian Green, Toledo and vicinity; America Crafton, Ohio; Dora Hamilton, U. S. A.; Ella B. Kato, U. S. A., and Ernest Patillo, U. S. A.

A. U. K. CONCLA.. ENDS CONVENTION

Organization Points For A New Era Of Progress And Promotion

DAYTON, Ohio, Aug. 14.—(ANP)—The Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa closed its 23rd Annual Convention here this week with the election of Ernest Patillo of St. Louis as Grand Master to succeed Ben H. Mosby of Chicago, who has led the organization for two years since the death of its founder Wm. Herbert Fields.

Several hundred delegates were present representing the 30,000 members of the order which now has branches in 31 states. A feature of the week's activities was the military encampment and Dayton, white and black, cheered the colorful parade which wound its way through crowded streets as the climax of the convention. Mayor McDonald and State Treasurer Ake welcomed the gathering to Dayton. Whatever momentum which the order may have lost through the death of its financial officer and rumored financial difficulties were forgotten when reports showed the treasury to be in a healthy and satisfactory condition. Ernest Patillo, the new Grand Master, was a protege of the late W. Herbert Fields who originally had slated him as his successor but demoted him after a misunderstanding just prior to his death.

A. U. KNIGHTS AND DAUGHTERS OF AFRICA TO RE-ELECT MOSBY

The 23rd national grand council of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa will be held in Dayton, Ohio, Aug. 4 to 9, at Philips Temple C. M. E. church. More than three thousand delegates and members and uniform rank will attend.

Ben H. Mosby of Chicago, grand master, who succeeeded Hon. William Herbert Fields, the founder of the order and its brilliant leader for 21 years, was chosen by the late founder as his successor and intrusted him with carrying to fruition his plans and dreams.

During the 18 months of his incumbency in office he has faithfully carried out his trust.

Forty new councils and nearly fifteen hundred new members, not to mention the 20 new juvenile councils and more than three hundred juvenile members.

To encourage the younger members of the order Grand Master Mosby has inaugurated the giving of a $500 scholarship to a boy and a girl each year, the first to be given out this year at Dayton.

Under his leadership there is to be established an adequate rate insurance department, thus enabling the members to receive larger death benefits and also a national sick and aid fund to pay worth-while sick benefits and furnish competent medical attention. He has just seen to the erection of the monument of Founder Fields over his grave.

Mosby's administration has been economical to meet the depressed financial state of the country. Ernst & Ernst, nationally known certified accountants, have just finished an audit of the finances and report them in good condition and every officer bonded.

This has won for Mosby the indorsement of the vast majority of members and the unanimous support of the delegates, with the possible exception of those from Columbus and St. Louis, where, due to the fact that Josie R. Henley, with the support of Ernest L. Pattillo, is a candidate against the present state grand queen, Marjorie Holley.

A spirited contest for the other offices reveals the fact that the women of the organization are demanding recognition and are in the field with a candidate for the office of national secretary-treasurer. Other candidates for the office are Dr. S. H. J. David of Indianapolis, Dr. C. M. Powell and Rev. H. W. Evans, both from St. Louis. Rev. George R. Riley of Paterson, N. J., is mentioned as a candidate for deputy grand master.

PATILLO MAKES STATEMENT ON A.U.K. & D. OF A.

Report From State Insurance Dept. Shows Shortage in Accounts of the Late Sec'y.Treas., Rev. S. D. Davis. Matter in Hands of Bonding Co.

A visit to the office of the National Grand Council of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa, 3200 Lucas avenue, found two young women busy with what they called "still trying to straighten out the affairs of the order."

"Things were in pretty bad shape," remarked one of the young women as she produced a copy of a report from the office of the State Insurance Department which had been asked for by a representative of the Argus. This report, while covering a deal of historical data about the organization, dealt primarily with the business of 1928-'29 '30. Neither the insurance commissioners nor the certified public accountants were able to give the exact status of the financial affairs of the order, but there were evidences of juggling of figures as well as an apparent shortage in the accounts of the late secretary and treasurer, S. D. Davis.

A detailed report is not given here because it is too voluminous. But it will be proper to state that according to the official report there was a large shortage in the accounts between January 30, 1929 and February 26, 1930. This shortage, it is understood, is covered by the bond which the secretary-treasurer was under at the time. The large number of death claims are being rapidly reduced and the present officers are very hopeful of the future of the order.

Ernest Pattillo, National Grand Master, commenting on the situation said: "Since taking offfice we have paid $7,500.00 in death claims. Officers and members all over the country have begun to see that a strict business administration such as the Grand Master has promised to give in face of what the order has just gone through is being carried out. Be it remembered that the late William H. Fields, our founder and chief, succeeded in having the law obeyed, and I will carry out Field's policies.

"I am being ably assisted at headquarters by Miss Lucille Wooley, National Delinquent Clerk, and Mrs. Ozella Porterfield, National Secretary-Treasurer. A campaign is on for new members, and each report which comes in at headquarters shows that the members are working to get back to where they once were. Each Most Excellent Queen will receive a copy of the Insurance Department's report as was promised by me. I only ask to be given a chance together with your support. The Uniform Department, under Major John A. Shackleford, is at work making ready for a big showing next August.

"The next session of the A. U. K. and D. of A. will be held at St. Louis, August, 1931. At this time the unveiling of the monument of William H. Fields will take place one day during the week of the session, so that the members from all over the country will have an opportunity to visit the grave of the man to whom all credit must be given."

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Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa

Hold Memorial Services for W. H. Fields Sunday

The Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa throughout the United States and its possessions will meet Sunday afternoon, Feb. 16, in their respective cities and states, in some church or hall, to hold memorial services in memory of three of their late and lamented state and national grand officers in the persons of Daughter Ada Harris, the first state grand queen of Missouri and the leading organizer of the military department, who after rendering valuable service to the order died Feb. 24, 1924; Mr. George [illegible], who served successfully as national grand secretary-treasurer for more than 15 years and who died Oct. 19, 1926, and Hon. William Herbert Fields, the founder and national grand master for 21 years, commander in chief of the military department.

Mr. Fields was born in Evansville, Ind., 69 years ago. He went to St. Louis, took an active part in every movement for the advancement of humanity. After rendering various services, including the organizing and building up of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa and placing them upon a solid foundation with more than $100,000 worth of real estate holdings.

On Feb. 7, 1929, in St. Louis, Mr. Fields passed away and in the presence of 5,000 who had come from 31 states, representing 40,000 members of the A. U. K. & D. of A., his body was buried beneath the soil of the dear old state in which he had labored so hard for the building up of humanity.

Chicago services will be held in the Blackwell Memorial A. M. E. Zion church, Oakwood Blvd. and Langley Ave., at 2 p. m., and among others who will take part on the program will be B. H. Mosby, national grand master; Mrs. Eliza Jackson, state grand queen; Mrs. Leona D. McKinney, national grand mother queen; M. T. Bailey, national director of pub-

ended with the score 13 to 10, Howard leading.

The Bison herd continued its rampage through its C. I. A. A. schedule by crushing St. Paul at Lawrenceville Saturday night, 29 to 21. The victory gave Howard five out of its six association games. Coach Burr started his second team. Howard led, [illegible] With seven min-

A. U. K. AND D. OF A.

Following a letter which appeared in the Peoples Columns of the St. Louis Argus last week in which the writer complained of bad conditions in the present management of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa, an investigation has revealed that there is ground for such complaints.

Two very important events have recently happened in connection with the operating of the order which we think, if not alarming, at least should arouse the interest of every member of the organization. The first of these is that the Insurance Department of the state has refused to license the order to continue to do business. This refusal, we understand, was based upon certain irregularities in the annual report of the secretary-treasurer.

In the meanwhile, the news breaks which says that the bonding company has refused to renew the bond of the present grandmaster.

These two things coming at this time are to be regretted by all, and especially by the members of the order who have taken much pride in building up an order, peculiar of its own, under the leadership of the late William Herbert Fields.

After having many facts, figures, and other complaints before us which indicate that the future of the A. U. K. and D. of A. is not only threatened, but in danger, we feel it our duty to sound a warning to its members that they may act and act speedily ere it be too late to save the situation.

Rev. Davis Commits Suicide on Day of Investigation

(Photo on Picture Page)

ST. LOUIS, April 18.—Members of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa in 31 states of America are in mourning following the death of one of their chief executives, Rev. Samuel D. Davis, of 4179 Enright Ave., who was found last Saturday morning in the basement of the national headquarters of the organization, 711 N. Compton Ave., fatally wounded by a bullet that penetrated his brain and was said to be self-inflicted.

He was immediately conveyed to the city hospital, where he died a few minutes later.

Rev. Davis was grand secretary-treasurer of the Ancient Knights and Daughters of Africa.

The minister's body was found by Ed Bailey, janitor, who said he trampled on Davis' foot when he went down in the dark basement to look after the water heating tank. Switching on the light, Bailey said, he discovered the prostrate body of the preacher with an automatic pistol lying on the floor beside it. Police were summoned. When they arrived Dr. Davis was gasping for breath, but unconscious, and remained in that condition until his passing at the hospital about 11 o'clock last Saturday morning.

Miss Alverta Harston, secretary in Davis' office, told police officials that he took something from his private safe at 9:30 o'clock last Saturday morning, leaving the office shortly afterward.

Bailey explained that he had been in conversation with Rev. Davis almost two hours prior to the time the body was discovered in the basement. "He asked me whether 'Ben' (referring to the grand master, Benjamin Mosby) had been at the office before his (Davis) arrival." Bailey said his reply was "no," and continuing his conversation with the Defender correspondent, stated Rev. Davis was in a surly mood during the conversation.

Not so long ago the insurance commissioner of the state of Missouri refused to license the Knights and Daughters of Africa to continue to do business. Officials of the order said the refusal was based upon certain irregularities in the annual report of Secretary-Treasurer Davis. In the meantime a bonding company here has refused to renew the bond of the grand master of the order, Benjamin Mosby. A thorough check-up on the ages of the entire membership of the order, beginning with the year 1923, has been demanded by the insurance commissioners. These threatening conditions have greatly disturbed the peace and harmony of the Knights and Daughters in St. Louis, where the major portion of the membership of the order reside.

At a caucus scheduled last Saturday night for the purpose of appeasing the turbulent and anxious members here, heads of local councils assembled in the main auditorium of the national headquarters of the organization. Grand Master Mosby of Chicago and the national grand secretary-treasurer, S. D. Davis, were notified to be present, that judgment might be passed upon them.

Now it is said Rev. Davis could not face the issue, since his death occurred on the day before the night of the meeting, when he was to have given an account of his stewardship. Grandmaster Mosby was in attendance at the meeting and was a target for the African queens, who bombarded him with a line of questions.

One of the topics of discussion appeared to have been regarding Grand Master Mosby's residence in Chicago. The general opinion of the queens of Africa is that he should have closer proximity to the St. Louis headquarters.

Besides his duties as presiding elder of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church here, Rev. Mr. Davis handled several thousand dollars each month in dues of the fraternity and received from the order as a salary the sum of $208 a month, Mosby said. An audit of the books began last Monday by certified accountants.

When appointed national secretary-treasurer in 1926, over the protest of a faction of the grand lodge, he incurred enemies, who have repeatedly tried to have him removed from office by spreading propaganda about him, his sister-in-law, Mrs. Julia E. Prince, said. The enemies have also written "poison pen" letters to his widow, Mrs. Henrietta Davis, and articles touching on "delicate conditions" of Davis' office have very recently been printed in a local newspaper.

Names Successor to Late Dr. S. D. Davis

ST. LOUIS, April 25.—At a meeting of the members of the board of directors of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa held here last Saturday, William Harold King, politician and past deputy grand master of the organization, was unanimously chosen as national secretary-treasurer to fill the unexpired term of office made vacant by the death of Rev. Samuel D. Davis.

The late Rev. Mr. Davis was found dying in the basement of national headquarters of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa, 711 N. Compton Ave., two weeks ago, with a gunshot wound in the head and a pistol lying on the floor beside him. He was buried last Monday from Washington Memorial A. M. E. Zion church, to which he was attached as presiding elder.

The newly appointed official, Mr. King, was in the formation of the A. U. K. order years ago and ably aided the late grand master and founder, William Herbert Fields, in instituting lodges in 32 states of this country. King is familiar with the office of secretary-treasurer, having been the first to serve in that capacity many years ago.

Ernest Patillo Elected Nat'l. Grand Master A.U.K. & D. of A.

Special To The Argus.

DAYTON, Ohio Aug. 7.—Ernest Patillo of St. Louis was elected National Grand Master of the A. U. K. and D. of A., in session here today. The election followed the previous withdrawal of Benjamin H. Mosby, incumbent, after refusing to make his annual address. Charges had been made against him by St. Louis and Ohio delegates.

THE A. U. K. AND D. OF A. AND ITS GRAND MASTER

As time rolls on, more light is shown on things and conditions of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa. Each day, it is readily seen by complaints and information that the morale of the organization is badly affected; and that unless something is done and done speedily, the order is bound to suffer if not completely destroyed.

The "bone" of contention centers on the National Grand Master, Ben H. Mosby, who is a school teacher at Chicago; and because of the said position as school teacher, he is not physically able to attend to the affairs of the order. The two jobs are just too much for one man. It is cited that Mr. Mosby is, of course, trying to divide his time between the two jobs, spending five days a week as teacher and his week-ends, when he feels like it, in what he calls "in the interest of the order." Most of this time, however, is spent on the train going to and from Chicago, for which the order's treasury has suffered because of the big expense accounts in addition to his three hundred dollars a month salary. And now other complaints are beginning to come to the fore which include mismanagement, collusion and graft. All of these things are the evils which, if not remedied, will surely destroy the order and that soon.

In the face of the national complaints and the facts which justify these complaints, the best thing to be done is for Grand Master Ben H. Mosby to resign, and let someone take charge of the affairs of the order in whom the people have confidence. This should be done right away. Of course, we know that the suggestion here of the resignation of the grand master will touch a tender spot in his heart because he will naturally think of that three hundred dollars per month and the "trimmings" which the office pays him in addition to the four hundred dollars(?) per month which he is receiving as a teacher in the public schools of Chicago. Even though he knows that he is not rendering the service which his office demands, yet the salary, etc., will be hard for him to give up.

But our suggestion is in the interest of the members and of the order as an organization. The grand master knows full well that he is not giving value received for the high salary which the order is paying him. He knows and the members know that nine months have proven conclusively that he cannot successfully hold both jobs. We all know that if he is not doing his job in the Chicago school any better than he is that of the grandmastership of the A. U. K. and D. of A., a vacancy ought to exist in the Chicago schools.

These are bare, cold facts, be they ever so painful to some, facts which the members must face thoughtfully and courageously. The order is facing a crisis. The organization must be saved at all hazards. No man is bigger than the order. Think—think—and act!

A.U.K.'S CHANGE GRAND SESSION MEETING PLACE

CHICAGO, May 9.—The meeting place of the Twenty-third annual session of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa, has been changed from Louisville, Ky., to Dayton, O.

The annual session of the council as well as the national encampment of the military department of the order will meet in the Ohio city, August 4 to August 9 inclusive.

The military department will be under the command of Major General J. A. Shackelford.

The fact that better and more suitable accommodations are obtainable for the A. U. K. annual session and encampment is the reason which prompted officials to remove the fraternal confabulation to the Buckeye city.

The headquarters of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa, are located at St. Louis, Mo. Benjamin H. Mosby of Chicago, is the national grand master of the order of which William H. King is acting grand secretary-treasurer and M. T. Bailey, national director of publicity.

It has just been announced that proposed unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late William H. Fields, founder and for twenty-two years national grand master of the A. U. K. & D. of A., has been postponed until after the grand session in August.

The unveiling of the Fields monument was originally planned to take place on Decoration day.

A. U. K. & D. OF A. TO STRESS JOB FIGHT AT MEET

Grand Master Mosby to Discuss Issue at Meet in Dayton Next Week

The elaboration of a constructive program for cooperative action among the 40,000 members of the A. U. K. and D. of A. will be one of the main features of the twenty-third annual convention of the organization which is to convene at the Phillips Temple C. M. E. church in Dayton, Ohio, on August 4, according to a statement given to THE CHICAGO WHIP by Grand Master Ben H. Mosby. The national officers of the organization plan to place at the disposal of the 4,000 or more delegate and visiting members who are expected at the convention a working plan for the participation in the campaign to open more jobs to colored workers in stores which depend largely upon colored trade for their support, which they in turn will put into operation in their own communities. The body has branches in 28 states, including practically all of the larger American cities and the success of the campaign launched by THE WHIP in Chicago will be presented to show how vital a part the organization can play in spreading this new economic doctirne to all parts of the country

To Elect Officers

The election of national officers of the fraternal organization will be held on the third day of the convention. According to present indications, Ben H. Mosby, present grand master, is sure of re-election The post of national secretary-treasurer, the second most important national office is open, and it is predicted that a woman will be elected, several who are prominent in the order having been mentioned. A special train will leave here on Saturday bearing 138 representatives from Chicago to Dayton to attend the meet. Similar specials will be run from St. Louis, Memphis, Cleveland, and Louisville to accommodate the delegates and members from those cities. Seven hundred accredited delegates are expected and approximate 3,000 members of the uniform ranks.

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Wilson Addresses Negro Elks Lodge

J. Findley Wilson, of Washington, D. C., grand exalted ruler of the negro Independent Order of Benevolent and Protective Elks of the World, addressed a large gathering of North Carolina Elks and visitors last night at the A. M. E. Zion church. Mayor Robert R. King delivered the address of welcome. The program included speeches and music. The visiting speaker lauded North Carolina for its progress in roads, schools and other improvements.

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Judge Groner Annuls Temporary Restraining Order

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Norfolk, Va.

National Grand Lodge Notes Appeal To Higher Court

(A verbatim copy of Judge Groner's decision in the case reported in the accompanying story will be found on page 15 of this issue of the Journal and Guide.)

Special to Journal and Guide

RICHMOND, Va.—Virginia Elks won a decisive victory in their fight with the national grand lodge of Elks when Judge D. Lawrence Groner of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia refused, Saturday, to perpetuate the temporary injunction which Judge Elliott Northcott granted the national grand lodge on January 15 to prevent the Virginia Elks from using the name granted them last October by the State Corporation Commission.

Virginia Elk leaders have announced that a conference of those in sympathy with the Virginia Elks will be held Sunday at Richmond at which time a definite policy for future action will be drafted.

Judge Groner's decision, if sustained by the Circuit Court of Appeals, will have the effect of setting up two grand lodges of Elks, placing the Virginia incorporated body on a par with the parent or original grand lodge, with power to organize subordinate lodges in Virginia and other states.

Appeal Allowed

Meanwhile, J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler, and Perry W. Howard grand legal adviser, have announced that the grand lodge will take an appeal from the decision of Judge Groner to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. Before he left Richmond, the grand legal adviser noted the appeal which was allowed.

Mr. Howard then asked for a supersedeas to keep the temporary injunction in effect until the Circuit Court of Appeals shall dispose of the case Judge Groner granted the supersedeas and fixed the bond at $2,000. (A supersedeas is a common law writ commanding a stay of legal proceedings issued under various conditions, especially to stay an officer from proceeding under another writ.)

The controversy began when the Virginia Elks protested against alleged burdensome taxation of their group by the Finley Wilson administration of the national grand lodge. They applied for a charter to operate independently in this state under practically the same name and were awarded one.

Upon the protest of Wilson and others, a temporary injunction was issued against the use of the charter. Argument in the case was heard at the April term of the U. S. District Court in Richmond, the side of the Virginia Elks being presented by Attorneys J. R. Pollard and James T. Carter.

Names Very Similar

Judge Groner's decision Saturday dissolved the temporary injunction and denied that the plaintiff was entitled to a permanent injunction against the Virginia group, whose charter name is the Grand Lodge, Improved, Benevolent, and Protective Order of Elks of the World, Incorporated. The plaintiff objected to the use of its name on the ground of its similarity to the national order's title of the Grand Lodge of Improved, Benevolent, and Protective Order of Elks of the World, a corporation.

The national grand lodge contended further that it had a property right in the name which gave it exclusive right to its use. The Virginia Elks countered by saying that if the national grand lodge had any property right in the name, this right had become pre-empted by negligence of its use and the name was therefore the exclusive property of no one.

No contention of the Virginia Elks was denied in Judge Groner's decision However, Judge Groner held that the white Elks had the exclusive right to the use of the name, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and that the colored grand lodge could not claim exclusive right to the use of a name so similar.

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Urges Peace Parley

Before rendering the decision Judge Groner urged that all parties to the litigation to get together for the general good of the order and settle their differences, stating that there were grounds under normal conditions which would justify the grand lodge in enjoining the Virginia group.

The incorporators of the Virginia grand lodge are James T. Carter, Joseph R. Pollard, John B. Neblett, and Leon A. Reid, W. F. Shivers, of Smithfield, is grand exalted ruler of the state group. Among the other leaders active in prosecuting the case of the Virginia Elks were W. W. Foreman, Norfolk attorney; Dr. S. F. Coppage, Norfolk; George Millner, Norfolk and W. H. Crocker and Dr. R. H. Bland, both of Suffolk.

Says Negro Elks Have Little Claim on Name

Amsterdam

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Courier

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8-23-30

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

The decision refused an injunction to the Grand Lodge, I. P. B. O. E. of W. of New Jersey against the I. P. B. O. E. of W. of Virginia. An error in the report submitted to A. N. P. last week suggested that the group of Elks affiliated with the Virginia State Grand Lodge would as a result be in position to enjoin the faction headed by Finley Wilson from operating wherever they chose to bring suit against them. The language of Judge Groner's decision corrects this assertion. Judge Groner points out that neither faction has an exclusive right to the name, since it has been used by the white Elks for forty years, and that even if the Wilson group were as they claimed to be, the parent body of colored Elks, that they were stopped from claiming the exclusive right to the name because they did not originate it, and for failure to object to its use by others and for long acquiescence therein by lodges in other states of the Union.

Excerpts from Judge Groner's decision follow:

"This is a suit in equity brought by the Grand Lodge of Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, a corporation of New Jersey (the Wilson faction), against the Grand Lodge, Improved, Benevolent, and Protective Order of Elks of the World, Incorporated, a corporation duly organized under the laws of Virginia. The purpose is to obtain a permanent injunction against the use of the name, 'Grand Lodge, Improved, Benevolent, and Protective Order of Elks of the World, Inc.'

"The case was heard on bill and answer, and affidavits and on oral proof in open court. The pleadings are loosely drawn and the evidence offered was unresponsive to the issue and the argument was not helpful to the court.

"There is no doubt of the right of this court, in a proper case, to restrain the use by one corporation of a name belonging to another and this right is founded upon the protection which one company is entitled to against unfair competition on the part of another."

The bill showed, the judge said, that the Elks represented by Wilson claimed to be a New Jersey corporation organized in 1906, but that the evidence showed the corporation had laid dormant since organization. He pointed out that when they first came into court they claimed to be a District of Columbia corporation, but later said that was "an improvident and incorrect" avowal and that they belonged in New Jersey. On the other hand, Judge Groner further pointed out that the same organization when fighting the white Elks of New York some years ago and in a suit later in Virginia, claimed to be an Ohio corporation, founded in 1909. He said it was an itinerant and migratory organization.

"There is one insuperable impediment to the granting of an injunction in this case," Judge Groner's decision said, "and that is that the name which the plaintiff seeks the exclusive use of was appropriated long prior to any organization of colored Elks, by the white organization of the same name. Wherever the question of exclusive right to the name was raised, the courts decided in favor of the white Elks. It was in fact in common use before the incorporation of any colored Elks' association, and in my opinion has become, by abandonment, common property. The name as it applied to the colored Elks was originally a matter of sufferance or toleration and now perhaps by long use has become a matter of right, but it is not the property exclusively of any particular organization. It has no definite or fixed location, and its use by one organization, properly and legally chartered by a state, may not be enjoined at the instance of another."

The decision, which maintained many of the contentions of the defendants, would indicate that neither the Wilson faction nor the Virginia group can prevent each other from using the name. The plan of the Virginia Grand Lodge and the insurrectionists affiliated with them is said to be to set up rival grand lodges in various states, feeling that they can attract the rank and file from the Wilson organization. They are said to feel that with this situa-

tion staring him in the face, Wilson will resign at the Detroit meeting.

A meeting was held at Richmond, Aug. 17, to which leaders of Fort Dearborn, Chicago, Monumental, Baltimore, Monarch, New York and Lighthouse lodge, Atlantic City, were invited.

Wilson Makes Statement

J. Finley Wilson makes the following statement:

This is so utterly ridiculous and so palpably in contempt of court that it would not receive consideration except that there might be those who give ear to any and every false and misleading statement.

First of all, the court made no such decision and the statement of intimation is false and without any

The court held that the white Elks had the exclusive right to the use of the name, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; that our grand lodge did not have the exclusive right to the use of the name, Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, because of the many charters in its early years of existence, and because at the time the suit was brought in Richmond in 1919 it was contended by our order that the grand lodge was incorporated in the state of Ohio.

We did not agree with the court's findings and our grand legal advisor asked for an appeal with supersedeas bond and both were granted by the court. This appeal and supersedeas bond continues the injunction against Carter et al in full force and effect, and they cannot operate or proceed under this charter, if ever, until the higher courts have disposed of the case.

Therefore, be not deceived, for the injunction still stands as firmly as ever, and there can be no organization under the new charter.

The grand exalted ruler wants to congratulate the jurisdiction on the fact that throughout the world there were just a few men who got together in the state of Virginia and obtained this charter. It does not represent the sentiment of Elks and daughter Elks of Virginia, for the noble Elks and Daughter Elks of the old Dominion have stood and are standing firm like the Rock of Gibraltar on the principles of the order, and they will be at Detroit to tell the story.

The grand exalted ruler again expresses gratitude for the loyalty and fidelity of the noble Antlered Herd in carrying forward the great progressive program. I know the jurisdiction; I know the Elks and Daughter Elks—their sacrifices and their efforts, and I would be untrue to my trust if I let a few designing men destroy the good will and the progress of this great and noble fraternity. Therefore, the law will be applied strictly in the spirit of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity.

Brothers, do not be misled, for under the injunction that is still standing in Richmond, in the United States Court, no meeting can be held at Richmond, or elsewhere, under the pretended charter in the state of Virginia, without violating the injunction, and I assure you that any violation of this injunction will be brought to the attention of his honor at the proper time and in the proper shape and form.

On to Detroit, for the greatest convention in the history of the greatest fraternal organization on earth, where you will hear and learn the whole story.

New Organization to Be Perfected in Richmond. Va.

On the eve of the 31st annual convention of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World in Detroit on Aug. 24-30, a split looms up big within the ranks of the largest organization of fraternal men.

A group of men opposed to the continued rule of J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler for the past eight years and candidate for re-election, will meet in Richmond, Va., Sunday, Aug. 17, to discuss ways and means of bringing together for a new organization, all those opposed to the present head and the present workings of the order.

The present grand exalted ruler, J. Finley Wilson of Washington, D. C., has ordered the following lodges to be cited to show cause why they should not be suspended from the order:

Fort Dearborn lodge, Chicago.
Mitee Monarch lodge, New York.
Greater Norfolk lodge, Norfolk, Va.
Williams lodge, Richmond, Va.

Those close to Mr. Wilson claim that the failure to pay the $1 per capita tax is the cause of the order from the grand exalted ruler. The lodges opposed to Mr. Wilson flatly refuse to pay one more cent into the grand lodge treasury. They ask for a strict accounting of all monies spent and go further to say that a big waste of members' money is made in each city wherein the conventions have been held under the Wilson regime.

The refusal to pay the tax of $1 per member will deprive the lodges herein mentioned of the right to representation in the Detroit convention.

The meeting to be held Sunday is the outcome of the suit brought against certain Virginia lodges by Mr. Wilson and the grand legal adviser, Perry Howard. Judge D. Lawrence Groner of the federal court, eastern district of Virginia, handed down a decision against the grand lodge officers.

The Virginia judge declined to make permanent a temporary injunction granted by Circuit Judge Elliott Northcott, restraining Virginia Elks from operating as a grand lodge under the charter obtained from the state of Virginia.

In his decision, rendered last Saturday in Richmond, Judge Groner held that the white Elks had the exclusive right to the name, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and that the nonwhite grand lodge could not claim exclusive right to a name so similar.

In 1905 when the Grand Lodge of Elks of the World experienced a split in the order, an additional charter was granted and taken out under the state laws of New Jersey, under which the then opposing faction proceeded to operate until 1911, at which time the two factions effected a consolidation.

From this time on the original Virginia charter remained dormant and the administration operated and functioned exclusively under the New Jersey one.

After the 1929 grand lodge session in Atlantic City the anti-Wilson forces, full of chagrin and resentment of the unchivalrous manner in which the grand exalted ruler conducted the session and his suspensions of subordinate lodges and also the grand treasurer, James C. Martin, of Chicago, decided and sought to have the original charter revived in order that those who had fought for the principles upon which Elkdom was founded might continue.

A group headed by the Hon. James T. Carter, past grand treasurer, along with Pollard, Neblett, Reid, Foreman, Shivers and others were granted restoration of the charter by the secretary of the state of Virginia.

Immediately upon receipt of news of the action, Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson and his legal adviser, Perry Howard, suit was filed restraining the Virginia Elks from receiving and operating under the original charter.

A temporary injunction was granted the Wilson forces and arguments heard in the case intermittently from January 1, 1930, the case finally resting with Judge Groner, representing the United States district court for the eastern district of Virginia, sitting in Richmond, Va., who on Saturday, Aug. 9, 1930, decided the case in the favor of the Virginia Elks.

This gives the Virginia group the exclusive right to the name of Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, granting them full permission to act accordingly, according to Mr. Carter. The meeting of this group has been called for Sunday and all lodges and individual Elks in harmony with the anti-Wilsonites plan to attend.

The judge also ruled that there was evidence that the real home of the grand lodge was in the District of Columbia, in which there was no diverse citizenship, giving the right to bring injunction proceedings in the United States district courts. The grand lodge, through Mr. Wilson and Attorney Howard, had claimed that its docile was in the state of New Jersey under a charter obtained from that state in 1906.

Judge Groner took a different stand on the matter and decided that the charter obtained in the state of New Jersey had been allowed to lapse.

WILSON RE-ELECTED TO HEAD THE ELKS AT DETROIT

Grand Daughter Ruler Johnson and Grand Secretary Re-elected

(Special to The Tribune)

Heads of Grand Lodge and Grand Temple were re-elected by acclamation Wednesday when the rule was suspended at conclusion of their annual reports. When Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson concluded his report it was adopted without reference to committee, and Doctor John M. Marquess, exalted ruler of Quaker City Lodge, Philadelphia, asked the Grand Lodge to suspend its rule and re-elect him unanimously. E. L. DePaur, of Newark, N.J., candidate against Wilson, objected, but Past Grand Exalted Ruler T. Gillis Nutter suspended point of order against him and while he continued to talk, vote was taken.

J. Galmus Steele, exalted ruler of Manhattan Lodge, who formerly opposed Wilson, was one of those who seconded the motion to suspend the rule. The same thing occurred in the Grand Temple when Grand Daughter Ruler Abbie M. Johnson finished her report. Rules were suspended and she was unanimously re-elected after James E. Kelly, grand secretary, finished his report. Rule was suspended and he was unanimously re-elected.

Vexed Elks Hold Meet In Richmond

Determined Not To Tolerate Dictatorial Leadership

Richmond, Va.—Three hundred Elks, representing lodges of the national order in five states and the District of Columbia, met here Sunday and reiterated their intention to "no longer tolerate the unfair and dictatorial leadership of J. Finlay Wilson, or his prototype," and furthered plans to hold a national conference "to reorganize the order according to its principles and for the purpose of preserving its national unity and usefulness."

Heartened by the decision of Judge D. Lawrence Groner, of the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, which, is sustained by the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, will have the effect of setting up two grand lodges of Elks, placing the Virginia incorporated body on a par with with power to organize subordinate the parent or original grand lodge, lodges in Virginia and other states, these opponents of the Wilson administration, including three former grand lodge officers and Casper Holstein, of New York, Wilson's most powerful opponent in recent years, gathered in Richmond and resolved "That we will no longer tolerate what they termed "high-handed, unfair, and illegal acts" of the present grand exalted ruler.

Many Leaders Attend

The conference was attended by leading Elks from the east, south, and middle west, all of whom have grown increasingly displeased with the present leadership in the national order. Seventy-one telegrams were received from other prominent members of the organizations, including Ben Davis, of Atlanta, Ga.; Arthur G. Froe, Recorder of Deeds, Washington, D. C.; James C. Martin, former grand treasurer, and exalted ruler of Fort Dearborn Lodge of Chicago; and Col. Knickerbocker, of Morning Star Lodge, Washington, D. C.

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Elks End Convention; Delegates Block Wilson Measures

By LOUIS R. LAUTIER

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The administration leaders met their next and most complete defeat on the committee's recommendation for an increase in the term of office of grand lodge officers. A proposition submitted for S. D. Walton, president of the New York State association, provided for an extension of the term of office of the grand exalted ruler to two years. The committee recommended a term of two years for all grand lodge officers except the grand trustees and grand auditors. Opposition to the recommendation became so great that Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson in an impassioned speech asked the withdrawal of it.

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Truly Hatchett nominated Baltimore. The vote in favor of Baltimore was taken first. When it became apparent that Baltimore could not win, Baltimore was withdrawn.

The grand lodge suspended its rules and selected Los Angeles for its meeting place in 1932.

WILSON, IN SPEECH ASKS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION TO INCREASE TERM

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The nomination of Philadelphia as the next meeting place was made by Judge Henry. He read a letter from Mayor Harry A. Mackey inviting the Elks to hold their next convention there. He also read a letter from the Chamber of Commerce and a radio message from Mayor Mackey telling him to urge Philadelphia for next year. Before concluding his speech, he pleadged his loyalty to the administration.

Dr. Marquess Loyal

Dr. Marquess extended an invitation to the grand lodge to hold its next session in Philadelphia on behalf of Quaker City lodge. In the course of his speech he pledged his loyalty and remarked that "No one connected with either lodge is interested in the candidacy of anybody for any office." He also disavowed the report that he would be a candidate for grand exalted ruler in 1931.

Truly Hatchett nominated Baltimore. He read letters from Mayor Broening and Governor Ritchie inviting the Elks to meet in Baltimore next year. Samuel T. Hemsley also spoke in behalf of Baltimore.

The vote in favor of Baltimore was taken first. When it became apparent that Baltimore could not win, Baltimore was withdrawn.

The grand lodge suspended its rules and selected Los Angeles for its meeting place in 1932.

White Elks Would Join Colored, in Boston, After Losing Their Temple

BOSTON, Mass.—(ANP.)—The Boston Lodge of Elks, white, would consolidate with the Commonwealth Lodge, the colored branch of the same fraternity. Such a step was proposed by George W. Jefferson, member of the latter, who writes that some score or more white Elks have expressed a desire to join the colored Elks.

White Elkdom in Boston is in a bad way. The charter of the Boston Lodge has been revoked. The order has been evicted from its new million dollar shrine known as the Elks' Hotel; and as a result of certain members of the order running afoul the Volstead law, the place was padlocked by federal agents.

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ELKS CLOSE GREAT CONFAB: PHILLY HOST TO NEXT MEETING

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Elkdom Gives Finley Wilson Great Ovation As He Is Re-elected For the Ninth Time

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DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 4—When the 31st annual Grand Lodge of the I. B. P. O. Elks of the World closed here on Saturday afternoon, J. Finley Wilson of Washington, D. C., had been elected to serve as grand exalted ruler for his ninth consecutive term and Philadelphia had been chosen as the seat of the 1931 convention. In addition, the delegates had gone further and had unanimously decided that the grand lodge would move to the extreme west in 1932 and chose Los Angeles, Cal., as its meeting place.

The naming of Mr. Wilson, although forecast by the writer, was dramatic in its soptaniety. The beloved head of the order had just finished reading his annual report, or rather, having it read for him. For the first time in many years Mr. Wilson's physical condition was such that he lacked the strength to read the entire communication, which was lengthy and exhaustive in its survey of conditions surrounding the antlered herd.

As the storm of applause following the report had slightly abated the popular Dr. John M. Marquess, exalted ruler of Quaker City Lodge, No. 720, gained the floor. Then, in a masterpiece of eloquence, the talented orator eulogized the services and accomplishments of Wilson and moved that the rules be suspended and he be elected to succeed himself by acclamation.

Instantly a dozen men were on the floor to second the motion and the first honor went to Dalmas Steele of New York, in past years a bitter opponent of Wilson. Quickly other seconding speeches were made by other prominent figures of the body and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Gilles T. Nutter of West Virginia sounded the gavel to take the vote. The grand lodge arose as one man when he called for ayes. The more than seven hundred delegates literally went wild in an ecstasy of emotion and swept as a human wave toward the rostrum where "the little Napoleon of Elkdom was engulfed in a cheering, hand-shaking mob of friends.

At almost the same hour the women of the grand temple were enacting similar scenes as Mrs. Abbie Johnson of Philadelphia was being re-elected grand daughter ruler of the Daughter Elks.

Wilson Legislation Defeated

Although two perennial Wilson opponents—Fort Dearborn of Chicago and Mighty Monarch of New York, were absent and suspended along with other lodges for non-payment of grand lodge dues—and harmony was supposed to be reigning supreme, the members showed their independence by voting by sending several ration measures to the While O. V. Catto, No. er City, No. 720, had a ed Mr. Wilson's can ere just as active in o of his measures. Their so of 67 votes was a potent influence in the grand lodge and as they went so went the convention, save in only one instance.

The conference killed the proposition to adopt an insurance department in the order. It killed the proposition to make the meetings biennial instead of yearly, as now. It sustained the present yearly grand lodge tax at $1. All propositions to make mandatory membership in state associations and thereby increase taxation were rejected.

A proposition was introduced by S. D. Walton of New York to make the grand exalted ruler's term of office two years instead of one. The fight against this was led by State Representative Sam Hart of Quaker City Lodge, who denounced it as the most damnable proposition ever brought before the grand lodge. So apparent was the unanimity of opinion against the measure that its maker, Mr. Walton, withdrew it rather than have it go to vote.

All other proposals to lengthen grand lodge terms of office were voted down with gusto and fervor.

The grand lodge, however, increased the salary of the grand legal advisor to $250 a month and authorized him to employ additional counsel to help him fight the present cause celebre, known as "the Richmond case," which threatens the existence of the grand lodge.

Likewise, it authorized the purchase of the Washington Eagle by the grand lodge and its conversion into a monthly publication.

Other Officers Elected

"Smiling Jimmy" Kelley of Birmingham was re-elected grand secretary by acclamation after he had read his annual report showing an increase in funds and a reduction of overhead.

Among the pertinent figures digested from the report were: 635 lodges are active and 116 inactive, as of July 1. The active lodges had a membership of 52,685. A report from 302 lodges showed real estate and other investments of $2,300,000. They had paid death claims of $45,000; sick claims of $43,000 and had distributed in charity $17,000. There are fewer members active because of the financial depression.

Last years' cash balance was $6600 but this year the balance was $11,036.11 out of total receipts of $70,346.25.

Commissioner of Education W. C Hueston also was re-elected by acclamation. Figures of this department showed receipts and balance of $43,000. More than nine thousand dollars was distributed in the form of scholarships.

"Bob" Church of Memphis was re-elected a grand trustee unanimously. Dr. George of Kentucky was honored in similar fashion and kept in his position as grand leading knight.

"Joe" James of Florida was swept out of the office of grand loyal knight, and G. Lee Ratliff of South Carolina succeeded him when the entire Philadelphia delegation decided on the South Carolinan. Lost in the same shuffle was Attorney Roy Bond of Baltimore.

E. W. Simon, exalted ruler of Manhattan Lodge, New York, became grand esteemed lecturing knight by acclamation, thanks to the lungs and persuasive powers of the combined Pennsylvania and New York delegations.

Charles Diggs of Detroit was rash enough to enter the lists against Grand Treasurer Henry S. Warner of New York, but when he saw the way the tide of battle would go he gracefully withdrew.

"Jim" Allen of New York succeeded himself as grand auditor without a contest. "Joe" Levy of Minneapolis won his fight for re-election as grand tyler over Roy Mathews. R. L. Derrick of Spokane was continued in office as grand inner guard. Nobody had the temerity to enter the lists against the vociferous Syd Thompson of Ohio for grand esquire.

Philadelphia Wins

Baltimore made but a feeble fight against the Philadelphia phalanx for the convention city of 1931.

Judge Edward W. Henry, exalted ruler of O. V. Catto, No. 20, put the Somnolent City in nomination with a characteristically brilliant address and backed up his invitation with letters from Mayor Mackey, the Chamber of Commerce and other civic bodies and scores of telegrams from prominent persons, Exalted Ruler Marquess seconded the invitation and nomination and in a typical Marquess speech overflowing with historic references.

Preceding their speeches the 67 from Philadelphia had torn down their convention banners from the walls and led a riotous parade of hundreds of delegates around and around the historic Armory.

Exalted Rulers Hatchett and Hemsley of Baltimore placed their city in nomination and, following custom, the vote for Baltimore, last city to be nominated, was called for. About a hundred delegates arose to be counted.

When Philadelphia was called the rest of the grand lodge arose, shouting. Before a count could be attempted Mr. Hatchett was on his feet, moving that the vote for Philadelphia be unanimous.

After a wild demonstration by the Quaker cohorts the grand exalted ruler recognized Special Deputy Sorrel of Los Angeles, and that worthy made a plea for Los Angeles as the 1932 convention site. Dr. Marquess then moved that the rules be suspended and that Los Angeles be so named, which was done.

Health Conditions Are Told

A survey of health conditions among Negroes throughout the country was presented Thursday by Dr. William J. Thompkins of the health department of Kansas City, Mo., head of the health commission of the organization. The report covered community health machinery, vital statistics, communicable diseases, health of mothers and infants, health of school children, food control, general sanitation and education of the public.

Data was obtained by a questionnaire sent to each American city whose population was at least 5000, 10 per cent of which was made up of Negroes. There were 28 states covered, not including Georgia and Delaware, from which no response could be obtained. Information was gained, in these instances, from private sources.

Dr. Thompkins found health information neglected in most cities, the failure to answer various questions indicating lack of agencies of information.

The health commission adopted a program of calling attention of town and city governments to the necessity for bringing about a connecting link between the health conditions of black and white population.

The fraternal health commission sent to all American cities a communication indicating the advisability of Negro representation in the personnel of health departments, many cities responding with pledges to include Negro physicians and nurses in their personnel.

Nine Thousand Parade

The annual parade of the order was held on Tuesday afternoon, with about nine thousand men and women in colorful costumes in the line of march. Band after band made music for the cheering thousands who lined the streets to extend a gala welcome to the Bills and their Daughters.

The two lodges and three temples from Philadelphia made the largest and most impressive showing of all the units assembled and it is estimated that at least 800 marched behind the Quaker City banners.

Detroit, Washington, Cleveland and New York were well represented among the marchers.

The Marching Club prize went to the boys from Quaker City, No. 720. The temple prize was given to the gals from Uneeda Temple, Boston, and the band gonfalon was awarded to the Alabama state band.

Wilson Re-elected Unanimously At 31 Elks' Convention

Journal and Guide

Heads of the grand lodge and grand temple were re-elected by acclamation Wednesday when the rules were suspended at the conclusion of their annual reports. When Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson concluded his report, it was adopted without reference to committee and Dr. John M. Marquess, exalted ruler of Quaker City Lodge, Philadelphia, asked the grand lodge to suspend its rule and re-elect Wilson unanimously.

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E. L. DePaur, of Newark, N. J., candidate against Wilson, objected, but Past Grand Exalted Ruler T. Gillis Nutter suspended point of order against him and while he continued to talk, the vote was taken.

Norfolk Va

J. Dalmus Steele, exalted ruler of Manhattan Lodge, New York, who formerly opposed Wilson, was one of those who seconded the motion to suspend the rules. Wilson's re-election fulfilled his prediction that he would "stand and be re-elected by acclamation."

The same thing occurred in the grand temple sessions. When Grand Daughter Ruler Abbie M. Johnson finished her report the rules were suspended and she was unanimously elected to the office for a second time. Mrs. Emma V. Kelley, of Norfolk, Va., founder of the grand temple, and grand daughter secretary, was also re-elected unanimously. Her notable services to

the grand temple were extolled and her popularity was so secure that her election was almost a matter of course.

The election of J. E. Kelley, grand secretary, quickly followed the reading of his fine report, covering the splendid condition of the finances of the organization. His records showed that over $40,000 would be on hand after the expenses of the 31st annual session had been deducted.

G. Lee Ratcliff, of Columbia, S. C., defeated four candidates for grand esteemed loyal knight. Ratcliff received 182 votes. Roy S. Bonds of Baltimore, Md., 102 votes; Joseph H. James, who has held the office for the past 3 years, 54 votes, and Dr. J. Leonidas Leach of Lansing, Mich, 25 votes.

By an unanimous vote Edward W. Simons of New York City was elected grand esteemed lecturing knight to succeed Andrew T. Mitchell, whose lodge, Monarch, was suspended for the non-payment of annual taxes prior to the convention. Mitchell did not attend the grand lodge session. Simons was nominated by Charles Joell also of New York City. Herbert E. Jones, exalted ruler of Columbia Lodge, Washington, D. C., seconded the nomination. Dr. D. O. Walker of Cleveland, Ohio, moved a suspension of the rules and his unanimous election.

When the election of a grand treasurer was reached, the convention was in a tumult for the re-election of Henry S. Warner of New York City. A demonstration was staged. Judge Edward W. Henry of Philadelphia arose to nominate Warner. He decided it was not necessary and moved a suspension of the rules and his re-election by an unanimous vote. The delegates staged a second demonstration for Warner. The name of Charles C. Diggs, chairman of the general committee on arrangements, was presented to the convention, but when Diggs saw there was no enthusiasm in his favor he asked the withdrawal of his name. Warner was re-elected by acclamation.

James B. Allen of New York City was re-elected grand auditor by an unanimous vote of the grand lodge. Herbert E. Jones, exalted ruler of Columbia lodge, Washington, D. C., made the motion for the suspension of the rules.

Convention In Confusion

The delegates from New York, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia had entered into a combination, which dominated the election until the vote was taken for grand inner guard. J. Dalmus Steele of New York nominated John F. Ross of Washington, D. C. Dr. D. O. Walker of Cleveland nominated R. L. Derrick of Spokane to succeed himself and urged the little lodges to stick together. Two seconding speeches were made, one for each candidate. The convention was in confusion as there were cries of "vote," as other delegates sought to second the nominations. Derrick defeated Ross by a vote of 260 to 213.

Joseph B. Levy of Minenapolis, Minn., was re-elected grand tiler. He was opposed by J. Lewis Matthews of Tarrytown, N. Y. Sidney B. Thompson of Cleveland, Ohio, was unanimously re-elected grand esquire.

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General

FRATERNAL ORDERS FACE CRISIS

With the recent placing of an erstwhile strong Negro fraternal order in the hands of a receiver through court decree, and with several of these secret societies striking snags which are threatening to run their barque aground, it begins to look like Negro fraternal organizations are beginning to face a grave crisis in this country. Informer

Not only are several state orders in bad plight and facing bankruptcy, but some of the national organizations are virtually on the rocks and only a miracle can save them from impending collapse and debacle. 8-2-30

A few years back practically every Negro fraternal order of any consequence in this country was in fine physical condition, with sufficient surplus to meet all legitimate claims and the morale of the members at a high ebb. Huston, Texas

Either through poor management or lack of proper leadership —men with the vision to plan for the future growth, development, protection and perpetuity of the various orders—most of the Negro secret societies have fallen from their former lofty position and are now barely able to eke out an existence.

A new day calls for a new deal, and fraternal organizations are going to find it increasingly more difficult to function and thrive in this era of fierce and keen competition, unless they adopt a more modern program along insurance lines.

Just like a person can not live on the food he ate yesterday or last week, neither can Negro fraternal orders hold their own or prosper employing the same methods and policies in vogue several decades ago.

INSOLVENT FRATERNAL ORDERS.

The fraternal orders, or organizations for mutual benefit and relief, have played an important role in the social and economic development of the Negro in this country, as shown by the fact that they maintain the regular organization of the Odd Fellows in fellowship with the parent order in England, besides numerous Masonic organizations, and a host of other societies of purely racial origin. Every now and then some one of these minor organizations finds itself in financial difficulties and is obliged to seek the appointment of a receiver through the courts, for the preservation of its assets and the protection of its membership.

One of the most recent of such cases is that of the Mosaic Templars of America, an organization with headquarters at Little Rock, Ark., and possessing assets estimated at over half a million dollars and an almost equal amount of liabilities. In this emergency the Circuit Court of Arkansas, with a Democratic judge presiding, appointed Scipio A. Jones as receiver, in preference to more than two hundred other members of the Little Rock bar. Mr. Jones, besides being an attorney of high standing, is a leading Republican of Arkansas, and was national grand master of the order. He is anxious to justify his appointment as receiver by reconstructing and perpetuating the order, which he claims is deserving of racial support. Its scope of activities is farreaching and affects the welfare of thousands of our group. The ability and character of the receiver warrant the assumption that with proper support he may succeed in his undertaking.

The history of the rise and progress of fraternal orders in this country, among both races, has not been without numerous examples of such organizations outgrowing the limits of their original plan and scope and, thus failing in their ability to meet the greater demands upon their resources. So long as such organizations possess a youthful and growing membership, with death benefits and assessments few and far between, everything moves along smoothly and the income exceeds the outgo. But when the organization has reached twenty years or more of growth, the influx of new members is apt to fall off, death benefits and assessments grown more frequent and the disbursements bring the reserve and surplus funds down to a vanishing point. The members weary of increasing assessments and become unfinancial, thus reducing the income. This is the history of the Royal Arcanum, a white organization of this kind, which at one time was a most flourishing concern.

If an organization which has reached this stage of its career sees the danger in time, due to its rapid growth beyond the capacity of its original design, it may be able to save itself by shrewd management and the strengthening of its weaker points. Competent Actuaries may be able to point out ways in which the income may be increased to meet the outgo or the disbursements reduced to a figure within the possible income. If the members retain confidence in the management, all these things may be adjusted to a point where the organization may proceed with a financial burden equal to its capacity. But the united support of its membership is necessary to bring about a rehabilitation of this kind. Where the honesty and ability of the management remain unquestioned, such an outcome ought be evolved and thus prevent any further sacrifices of the assets of the concern.

Such an arrangement ought to be possible in the case of the Arkansas organization, which from present accounts does not appear to have suffered any irreparable losses

FACTS ABOUT NEGRO FRATERNAL ORDERS

While most of the insurance companies of the country, both white and colored, have shown an increase in the volume of business for 1930 over 1929, several of the Negro secret orders seem to be suffering from some strange fraternal malady, with receivership and bankruptcy staring not a few in the case.

While it is true that fraternal organizations do not hold the charm over Negroes that they held some years back, there are other contributory causes for this lack of interest in these orders and for the disaffection of members and shrinkage of the mortuary funds.

Too many of our secret societies are top-heavy with expenses incident to administration, and there is entirely too much graft, nepotism, favoritism and bad management connected with some of these fraternities for them to stem the tide and survive in this age of fierce and keen competition.

While it must be admitted that insurance companies have made great and telling inroads upon secret orders, particularly among Negroes of this country, the fraternal organizations ought to be able to outline and execute a modern program which will meet the needs of the times and be instrumental in aiding such organizations to survive and flourish.

Any number of our fraternal organizations are held down and back with too much dead weight, and many men are drawing handsome salaries who could not earn one-half their present compensation in other lines of endeavor.

There is entirely too much inefficiency and incompetency among our fraternal leaders, and too many of them are using these orders as "family affairs."

Not being satisfied with their feasting at the fraternal pie-counter, some of these grand lodge officers are crowding members of their families into both elective and appointive offices, paying such members of their immediate households fat salaries for holding positions which are largely sinecure in their nature and functions.

Some of these fraternal orders are hampered and dwarfed by a multitude of offices and office-holders, many of which offices could either be merged or abolished without impairing the efficiency or undermining the strength of the organizations.

Instead of encouraging and making possible "ring politics" and long occupancy of office, with their resultant evils and ills, these secret societies ought to pass and enforce laws regulating the tenure of office for their directing heads.

If hard times and the depression are chiefly responsible for the slump and falling off in Negro fraternal circles, why do not the same conditions affect the Negro insurance companies and insurance companies of other races who have Negro policyholders?

National and grand lodge officers are not elected to office to make excuses and offer alibis for their dismal and disappointing showing, but to guide and direct their orders in channels which will safeguard and protect the interests of the members and contribute something tangible and salutary to the race and social fabric.

Where and when these fraternal leaders can not or do not perform such services, for which most of them are paid handsome salaries, they should be removed from office and succeeded by men (generically speaking) who can and will deliver the goods and pilot the fraternal barque safely and soundly into port.

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General

SOME CAUSES OF FRATERNAL RIFTS

Houston Informer

In last week's issue, The Informer discussed the growing tendency among Negro fraternal leaders in Texas to war and fight each other so much, and attention was cited to the fact that the race fraternities in this state are few which have not seen some evidences of this internal wrangling and bickering.

Usually these fights are between the titular head and secretarial officer of the organization, and, from our close observation of the primary causes, we have reached the conclusion that most often it is due to divergent views held by these two officers.

Quite frequently the head of the order not only endeavors to carry out the executive functions of his office, but he even attempts to run the office of the secretary, and, failing in this, this grand mogul will then seek to undo, discredit or oust the secretary of the fraternity. 3-15-30 Houston Texas

No business can operate successfully, whether small or large, where the leaders are constantly at loggerheads; and to "air" such differences and disagreements in the public or fraternal press tends to widen rather than heal the breach between such leaders.

According to the constitution and by-laws of most, if not all, Negro secret orders doing business in Texas, all grand lodge officers are chosen by the vote of the grand body, and thus all of them are responsible to the body which elects and retains them in office.

The grand secretary is not responsible to the grand master, and vice versa the grand master is not responsible to the grand secretary; but on the contrary both of them are directly responsible to the members of the order whose servants they are.

It seems that some of the titular heads of these orders reach the conclusion rather hastily that the organization is their private property, and just as soon as some other officer does something or says something, or is accused of doing or saying something which does not meet the sanction of the titular head, the fight is on and the order can go to the demnition bowwows.

Every fraternal order doing business in Texas should pass a law requiring its executive and secretarial officers to reside in the same town and occupy offices in the same building, so that a closer contact can be had and a better understanding obtained, resulting in a finer spirit of cooperation.

Occasionally this rift is the result of jealousy and envy, and in some instances the secretarial officers have been too officious, some times bordering on disrecpect to the head of the order.

No man can become too big in any order or organization, for the more big (in all that the term denotes and implies) men an order or organization possesses, the bigger it will become and the higher the place it will hold in the estimation of the people.

Instead of trying to cripple each other's influence and clip their wings, our fraternal leaders should ever strive for harmony and team-work, and when they reach the stage in their official capacities where they can not work for the best interests of the organization, the order should choose a new staff of officers.

Any cause, concern or corporation will experience difficult sledding where there is constant strife between its directing heads; and, while all other races in this state and country have gotten together for their own welfare and are advancing the pigskin toward the goal, the Negro race (team) is still in a huddle arguing and fussing about who will carry the ball and be acclaimed the hero of the contest.

Is The Lodge Losing Out?

ONE of the oldest institutions of civilization along with the church is the lodge, more lately denominated the fraternal order. The church and the lodge have had a parallel, though frequently antagonistic existence. In recent years much has been written and said about the young people turning away from the church, but it is doubted if the church has so nearly lost its appeal for the young as has the lodge.

Journal & Guide

Insurance Commissioner Dan C. Boney of North Carolina recently reported that because of the preference of the younger generation for industrial insurance, twenty-seven fraternal orders in that state were insolvent. He found that the average age of members of the fraternal orders was 55. This would indicate that these organizations are maintained by the older people and that the young take no interest in them. 3-29-30

There is no doubt that the fraternal orders that have not grown out of the old-time lodge methods of merely meeting in poorly-lighted smelly halls, saying the pass-word, making a number of intricate signs, intoning a few hymns, calling the roll, collecting the dues and adjourning, are losing out. But those that have followed in the wake of progress, evolved from lodges or fraternal orders to fraternal insurance organizations with approved insurance features as well as progressive welfare programs, have witnessed marked membership growth. It is the obsolete lodge that has been the bone of many a family spat and community friction, that frequently found it necessary to pay off the death claim in installments, and was generally always two or three claims behind that the younger generation has found no interest in.

Doubtless an investigation would disclose that the majority of those twenty-seven insolvent North Carolina fraternal orders embrace that group which is without a definite program that is consonant with the times, and whose insurance features are out of date.

THE FRATERNAL CONFERENCE

Norfolk, Va.

As we go to press the Federation of Negro Fraternals is meeting in Richmond, Va., to adopt a constitution and to elect permanent officers. The Federation, which is being organized by the dynamic Attorney R. McCants Andrews of Durham, N. C., has been endorsed by the National Negro Insurance Association, the Third Annual Fact-Finding Conference, and many men and women prominent in Negro life.

Chicago Defender 5-17-30

Among the reasons why many of our fraternal organizations are in such a weakened and demoralized condition are their inadequate insurance rates and their inefficient management. This condition the Federation is organized to correct, and is therefore destined to play a very important part in our history. A large number of fraternal officials have labored for long under the impression that it was not necessary for them to run their insurance business with the same efficiency and watchful care exercised by our flourishing insurance companies. As a result we often find a complete ignoring of tables of mortality and a tendency to insure old and young at the same rate. That such a policy is suicidal is plainly demonstrated by the present financial state of many of our fraternals.

Pittsburgh Pa.

Some few of the organizations have seen the light of reason and placed their insurance departments on a real scientific basis, but far too many of them have just muddled along, hoping against hope that luck would be with them. This is what might be called voodoo economics or rabbit's foot business. The sooner it is thrown into the discard, the better off our fraternal organizations will find themselves.

RODERICK BADGER HARRIS BEFORE NEGRO FRATERNAL SOCIETIES AT RICHMOND, VA.

Mr. Harris, in discussing this feature of race economics before the Federation of Negro Fraternal Organizations in Richmond, Va., May 13, 1930, took the position that Negro fraternals had an essential position in the building of our insurance fabric, and that insurance companies ought to treat fraternal orders as coordinates, cooperating with them in the development of our economic life. Independent

Insurance companies, in the past, have regarded fraternal orders as destructive factors in the development of industrial and legal reserve insurance, instead of cooperates. Mr. Harris points out this policy as a mistake and undertakes to establish a community of cooperation among them with the view of defining their fields in a way that they may specialize and simplify their work. 7-3-30 Atlanta, Ga

Insurance is a science and is divided into fields or classifications, and these classifications should be made so distinctly specific as economic factors that one could help the other in taking care of their class of business. This is the idea that Mr. Harris stresses when he says that fraternal orders have an essential place in the welfare of our economic life. Legal reserve insurance is as separate and different from industrial and fraternal insurance as fire insurance is from life insurance and must be operated from a different scientific basis. Fraternal insurance, like old-line legal reserve, must be based upon adequate rates; and industrial insurance, the chief competitor of fraternal insurance, should take the lead in establishing fraternals on a sound economic basis and determining the risks they should carry.

Mr. Harris has advanced a new idea, which developed and followed to its logical conclusion will do much to revolutionize insurance among Negroes as an industry.

Fraternal insurance is that protection offered by secret orders in the form of endowment policies—policies under which the lodge promises their members a certain amount of protection at death based upon an inadequate rate. This is the weakness of fraternal insurance and the feature Mr. Harris warns the profession against. This unsound and destructive defect must be cured and the business placed upon a scientific and adequate basis.

Industrial insurance is featured by accident and health provisions and a small burial benefit. This field should be left largely to the industrials, with an ordinary policy not to exceed five hundred dollars. The old line legal reserve companies should go out of the industrial and fraternal fields and leave this class of business to be handled exclusively by the fraternals and industrials, and the settling upon of a cooperative understanding with these branches as coordinates, as Mr. Harris has in mind, would go a long way toward strengthening our economic structure as a racial group struggling against economic, industrial and political odds.

There is a place in our economic structure for each of these factors and one can make more room and business for the other, if the Harris idea is developed.

Mr. Harris is an authority in fraternal insurance, and speaking out of the abundance of his ripe experience, he says: "Insurance is a big business and possibly affects our own economic status more than any other single factor. Thus the fraternals are presented with a fine opportunity to help clear up our economic troubles, by a scientific developmeno of their insurance business and by giving to the public safe industrial insurance at a much cheaper cost than is now obtainable. It is entirely possible for fraternals to do this. A mere effort will easily convince the most ignorant public that the society can and does furnish industrial insurance at a far greater saving than the industrial insurance offered by insurance companies."

"The Society which I represent has business in hundreds of villages and small towns, where, I have been told by industrial insurance agents who happen to be personal friends, that they find it absolutely impossible to get enough business to justify their staying in the territory."

Mr. Harris concludes with a plea for cheaper insurance, which the public is entitled to.

His observations are well worth investigation and serious study by those who are interested in advancing the economic progress of the race.

Grand United Order of Fishermen of Galilee.

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NEGRO TOWN HOST TO ORDER OF FISHERMEN

Afro-American

Lodge Praises Lawnside for Hospitable Reception Tendered.

8-30-30

ORDER PROGRESSING

Baltimore, Md

Increase in Membership and Finances Disclosed.

LAWNSIDE, N.J. — Officers and members of the Grand nited Order of Fishermen of Gallilee are loud in their praise for the reception and entertainment received at Lawnside by the order, which held its annual convention here, last week.

The town is a colored municipality, the government of which is completely managed by Negroes. The visitors who poured into the town were surprised by judging so much progress among the Negroes.

Delegates from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and New Jersey, were in attendance.

Organized in Baltimore

The Grand United Order of Fishermen of Gallilee, an old society, was organized during the year 1856 in the City of Baltimore. A split was brought about in July, 1904, due to endowments.

The Eastern jurisdiction of the order went out with two hundred and fifty members with Ephriam E. Holland as their grand master and Mrs. Bell Henderson as their grand secretary, all of New York. They carried with them no money, and left behind an order well established with a bank, newspaper and property in several states.

Empty handed, the eastern delegation started with New York alone as their headquarters. Since July, 1904, ten states have merged with New York, and from two hundred and fifty members, the body has grown to a membership of ten thousand people—owning property, the valuation of which is not less than $50,000, and cash on deposit in banks of not less than $100,000.

The society has had in twenty-six years five grand masters. The present national grand master, Thomas W. Turner, since his regime has instituted state grand lodges that meet annually.

At their session in Lawnside, the following officers were elected:

Thomas W. Turner, New York, national grand master; John F. Crowner, Baltimore, deputy grand master; Mrs. H. B. I. Buttler, Philadelphia, national grand assistant; Myrtle Hemmings, Lawnside, N.J., national grand conductor; Adlidia Saddler, Lawnside, N.J., national grand recorder; Nettie C. Holland, New York, national grand treasurer; William G. Price, Baltimore, national grand orator.

Samuel Wilson, Swarthmore, Pa., grand marshal; Emma M. Locky, New York, grand financial secretary; George Ewell, New York, grand I.N.G.; Maud Howard, New York, grand O.G.; S. E. Wright, Philadelphia, R.S. to grand M., Marion Bryant, Lawnside, N.J., L. to grand M.; E. Taylor, Baltimore, L.S. to grand assistant; Ada Bryant, Brooklyn, N.Y., R.S. to grand assistant.

Meet in Philadelphia

The grand lodge adjourned to meet in Philadelphia, Pa., 1932.

The mayor of Lawnside presented the keys to the national grand master and a resolution prevailed to draft a letter of acceptance to the municipal authorities acknowledging their felicitations.

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Household of Ruth

PICK TEXAS FRATERNAL LEADER AS HEAD OF RUTHITES OF AMERICA

Informer

MRS. L. M. HUGHES, Cameron, district grand most noble governor of the Household of Ruth of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico and formerly right worthy grand superior of the national Ruthite organization, has been appointed most worthy grand superior of the Household of Ruth of America, according to news received here recently from Philadelphia, Pa.

4-19-30

At a recent meeting of the committee of management of Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and Household of Ruth, held in the Quaker City, Mrs. Hughes, who is also head of the women's connectional work of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, was chosen to fill the unexpired term of the late Mrs. A. L. Anderson of Florida.

Houston

Galveston

Mrs. Hughes is not only known as an educator, religious and fraternal leader, but has made quite a success in the business field, and thus brings to her new office both executive ability, ripe experience and a thorough understanding of the work which will engross her time and attention.

She recently returned to Texas after taking a much needed rest at Hot Springs, Ark. Mrs. Hughes is the wife of Rev. J. H. Hughes, one of the leading ministers of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Texas and a member of the board of directors of the Colored Knights of Pythias of Texas.

The many friends and admirers of Mrs. Hughes congratulate her upon her elevation as titular leader of American Ruthites and bespeak for her a very successful and outstanding administration.

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Knights of Moses.
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Knights of Moses Hold Supreme Lodge

Dixie 12-18-30
Savannah, Ga.

Order Reports Its Affairs For The Fiscal Year To Be In Sound Condition

ALL DEATH CLAIMS ARE FULLY PAID

Organization Has Two Hundred and Fifty Lodges and Twelve Thousand Members

The Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Moses Benevolent and Fraternal Association met in an inspiring session December 15-16 at McRae, Ga. All of the supreme officers were present and answered to the roll call.

The supreme commander, Rev. S. T. Redd, delivered an encouraging and helpful address, among other things saying: "The present condition of the world is due in a great measure to the loss of faith in business, in man and in God. We should never forget that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof and His gracious providence rules over all, and out of the depressed condition, the Lord will get glory and the people will be blessed. The Lord has promised to return to the people when they return to Him, so let the people call upon the Lord in their distress and He will hear them."

The audit of the several departments showed substantial progress. All claims paid and a substantial balance remains to protect the policy holders. It was shown that the grand lodge in Georgia consists of 250 subordinate lodges whose membership is approximately 12,000. During the past year the order paid out over $10,000 in death claims and at the time of the meeting of the supreme lodge there was not a single death claim which had not been fully paid.

Several resolutions were offered and adopted, which will increase the usefulness of the order and stabalize its finance.

Dr. L. D. McAfee of Columbus spoke words of encouragement regarding the condition of the grand lodge of which he is grand knight commander. Dr. G. W. Furlow, supreme medical registrar spoke concerning the necessity of regarding the laws of health, and Mrs. L. D. McAfee, supreme knight deputy. L. Spaulding, supreme secretary-treasurer, showed in his report the healthy condition of the order, and Dr. Reid of Cordele spoke on the value of cooperation.

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Knights of Pythias.

Texas Fraternity Buys Convention Property In State

Inquirer

2-8-30

Houston, Texas

Houston College Listed In Property Acquired By Texas Fraternal Order—Sale Ordered By Court Decree—Receiver Pays Off Pythians—Biggest Single Transaction Ever Consummated By Race In State—Wells Handles Legal Phase

Fort Worth, Texas.—The largest single financial transaction in the history of the Negro race in Texas, was consummated here recently when the Colored Knights of Pythias of Texas, of which L. B. Kinchion is grand chancellor, paid $85,000 cash for all the real property of the Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention of Texas.

This transaction was not closed until the insurance department and attorney general's office of Texas had approved the deal, for under the existing fraternal insurance laws of this state, fraternities are not permitted to engage in such transactions.

However, in order to protect an already existing claim of the Pythian grand lodge, for which suit had already been brought by the order, the state granted the officers of the fraternity permission to buy this property at a receiver's sale, which had been ordered by Judge Bruce Young of the Forty-eighth District Court.

This property consists of 14 acres in Houston (Houston College), 43 acres near Bryan (Bryan Orphan Home), 22 acres near Hearne, and lots and other property previously owned by the convention in different sections of Texas.

After paying Receiver William M. McDonald the $85,000 for this property, the court ordered the receiver to pay the Pythian grand lodge the full amount of money owed the fraternity by the convention.

One significant thing about this large transaction is that it saves all this property for the race, for the convention will be offered a chance to reclaim it after the conventional leaders have ended all their interal bickering and legal litigations.

Judge Young commented in favorable terms upon this transaction from the bench and stated that the Pythian order has committed an act which should endear the fraternity to every member of the Baptist convention and every member of the Negro race in Texas.

The legal phase of this transaction was handled by Judge A. S. Wells of Dallas, grand attorney of the Knights of Pythias.

N. CAROLINA K.P. BANKRUPT, WITH $40,000 DEFICIT

RALEIGH, N. C.—The state branch of the Knights of Pythias has been thrown into the hands of receivers by Insurance Commissioner Dan C. Boney, white, because of an alleged $40,000 deficit.

Afro-American

D. C. Morton, white, associated with the state insurance department, was appointed temporary receiver.

The Grand Lodge held a session in Winston-Salem last week and reached an agreement for liquidation of the assets. 2/15/30

Twenty-six other fraternal and burial orders were warned to raise rates or otherwise put their affairs in order by April first or suffer a similar fate.

Baltimore

Young people who prefer industrial insurance companies to fraternal orders are blamed for the crash in state fraternal orders, according to the commissioner.

Burial Societies

Lodges were originally established as burial societies, paying $100 to $350 at death. Young people were attracted by the lure of the uniforms, regalia and all-day funerals.

Youth, however, has changed. They prefer cabarets and dances to funerals and the lodges have a membership which the Insurance Department thinks averages 55 years in age.

Dues Too Small

Dues of $3 of $4 a year were not sufficient to take care of the increasing death rate as members became older. Special taxes were assessed, but not paid.

Relatives and creditors, unable to collect, plagued the state insurance commissioner, who decided on house cleaning.

27 Societies

Among the twenty-seven fraternal societies which survive in the state are the following (one of them collects $100,000 a year in premiums):

American Woodmen, American Workmen Insurance Society, Aronic Templars of the World, Brothers' and Sisters' Aid Association, District Household of Ruth No. 10, Grand Court of Calanthe, Grand Chapter of Eastern Star, Grand United Order of Brothers and Sisters of Love and Charity, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows (Col.), Grand United Order Queen of Orient, Grand United Order of Salem, Household or David.

Independent Order of Good Samaritans No. 1, Independent Order of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria, Independent Order of St. Luke, Knights of Gideon Mutual Society, Knights of the Guilding Star of the East, Knights of King Solomon, Knights of Pythias (Col.), Masonic Benefit Fund (Col.), Mosaic Templars, Peoples Independent Order True Reformers.

Raleigh Union Society, Royal Knights of King David (Col.), Sons and Daughters of Peace, United Order of J. R. Giddings and Jollifee Union, Woman's Union Burial Association.

Lodges providing benefits of $100 or less do not come under the jurisdiction of the State Insurance Department.

K. P's. Warned Last Year

Commissioner Boney warned the Pythian Endowment Department to levy extra assessments sufficient to pay all unpaid death claims and eliminate the deficit in a letter dated September 30, 1929.

W. S. Scales, state grand chancellor, sent out special assessments immediately, but failed to raise the needed amounts. He was handicapped, because on October 21, 1929, the North Carolina state grand lodge was suspended by Supreme Chancellor, S. W. Green, of the national body, for failure to pay $5,335.75 emergency taxes and interest.

Boney Interferes

Commissioner Boney refused the state Pythians permission to pay this tax out of endowment funds or to borrow money for the purpose.

Scales's Report

Scales issued a report in self-defense showing that the state body had paid the national organization $27,743.58 in taxes in the past 10 years; $22,358 of this went towards erecting the $1,000,000 K. of P. Temple in Chicago which was threatened with receivership last year by a contracting firm. When the cornerstone was laid August 20, 1927, K. of P. assets were estimated at two millions and surplus at a million and a half.

Ohio Suspended

Erection of this small revenue producing building as a national temple caused a levy of sepcial taxes and resulted in the suspension of Ohio state grand lodge which has declined to pay. Virginia is alleged to be $15,00 in arrears. Georgia K. P.'s took a $10,000 temple assessment by the national body to the courts in 1927.

A battle over a receiver for Alabama Pythians started in July 1928.

"The situation is simply this," said Scales, "we paid $40,000 due in death claims when I became chancellor, and we also paid $20,000 in claims which fell due later. But when the Supreme Lodge placed the tax on us and then suspended us because we refused to pay the tax, the action created unrest among the 4,000 members of the order in North Carolina. Many of the members stopped paying premiums to the endowment department and we soon began to fall behind in payment of the death claims."

Injuction Dissolved

An injunction restraining the national Pythian body from reorganizing and reinstating the North Carolina grand lodge was dissolved February 3. Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green immediately announced a meeting for February 25, at the Saunders Hotel, Charlotte, for reorganization.

2-22-30

Greensboro

insurance plans are not based on satisfactory rates, and he has ordered them to readjust matters before April 1 or they must cease doing business.

In the meantime, the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, with headquarters at Greensboro, has been placed in the hands of a temporary receiver, D. W. Morton of Raleigh, by the Wake County Superior Court, as a result of a $40,000 deficit and failure of the grand lodge, at its last session to raise its rates to correspond to the insurance it had outstanding, the rates, said Commissioner Boley, being entirely inadequate.

The grand lodge, it is reported, has been torn by internal strife and dissension by efforts to levy extra assessments to bolster up its finances, and the state insurance commissioner has had it under surveillance for several years.

N. C. PYTHIANS IN RECEIVER'S HANDS BY COURT

Insurance Dept. Charges Rates Too Low For Its Outstanding Policies

Raleigh, N. C.—State Insurance Commissioner Dan C. Boley has notified thirty benefit and fraternal organizations operated by Negroes in North Carolina, that the

Succeeds Tidrington as Vice-Supreme Chancellor

Amsterdam

NEW ORLEANS, March 31 (ANP). —According to advice received from the office of Supreme

Chancellor S. W. Green of the Knights of Pythias, the vacancy caused in the office of supreme vice-chancellor and ex-officio worthy counsellor by the death of the late Sir Earnest G. Tidington on January 22, 1930, DR. C. B. WICKHAM

New York Age

was filled by the appointment of Dr. Chas. B. Wickham, past grand chancellor of the State of Oklahoma, to fill the unexpired term of the late Sir Tidrington of Indiana.

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Knights of Tabor

DR. TURNER HEADS KNIGHTS OF TABOR

Tribune

Order Has Membership of Hundred Thousand

8-28-30

Dr. E. J. Turner

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 23—Coming south this year for the first time in twenty years, the Knights of Tabor held its grand lodge session here this year. The meeting was very largely attended, there being present more than one thousand delegates representing Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, California, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida.

Montgomery gave the convention one of the most delightful and most efficient entertainments it has ever received anywhere and all the advantages of the city were enjoyed by the out-of-town visitors. The grand lodge was a spectacular affair, especially that portion which embraced the uniform rank. The parade of the many companies was witnessed by a large crowd and was highly commended. It took place at night.

Savannah, Ga

Georgia was very highly honored at this session when the highest gift in the order was conferredon Dr. Edwin J. Turner of Columbus Ga. He was elected International Chief Grand Mentor by an overwhelming vote, his term of office being for a period of three years. Professor Joseph Herriford of Kansas City, Mo., was re-elected chief grand scribe.

Friday the grand lodge members went on a pilgrimage to Tuskegee where they held a memorial service at the grave of Booker T. Washington.

The organization is one of the largest Negro fraternal organizations in the country and has a membership of more than a hundred thousand. It is particularly strong in the middle western section. The next session of the grand lodge goes to Oklahoma City, Okla., in 1933.

Masons.

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Lodge Problem of Color Settled

Failure Problem of Color Savannah Settled 7-3-30

Mixed Masonic Group Joins Negro Grand Jurisdiction

(By Lester A. Walton)

New York——The controversy raging for twelve months within the ranks of Masonry in New York State over the status of Hijos del Caribe Lodge, whose membership is mixed has been amicably settled by an arrangement whereby the former residents of Cuba and Porto Rico have been taken under the protecting wing of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Masons (colored).

Disinclination of the white members to disassociate themselves from their colored brethren brought about an unusual and embarrassing situation. In fraternal organization of the Latin-American countries no color bar exists, and those directly concerned could not be shown why their lodge should be disrupted by one in the United tates.

Members of Hijos del Caribe (Sons of the Caribbean) Lodge are facetiously described as ranging in all shades of complexion—"from white as snow to two shades darker than midnight." Some are pure white, others are octoroons and quadroons. Trouble would be experienced in seeking to determine where the 100 per cent. Caucasian type ends and the colored begins.

For several years the white New York Grand Lodge has been waging active warfare against unrecognized bodies, characterized as bogus and clandestine. It has been accorded cooperation by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge with which it deals unofficially but never officially.

Last summer it came to the attention of white Masons that a lodge composed of Spanish-speaking residents of Manhattan had not become affiliated with the Grand Lodge and therefore was declared to be spurious. At subsequent conferences between officials and representatives of Hijos del Caribe Lodge, the suggestion was advanced that the white members identify themselves with "Twenty-third Street" and the colored join Prince Hall.

Ritual Done In Spanish

This idea did not meet with the approval of the sons of the Caribbean. The white members in particular were emphatic in their protests against any such plan. A decision was unanimously reached to remain intact and stand uncompromisingly against the injection of the color issue and separation.

With one element refusing to place themselves under the jurisdiction of the New York Grand Lodge and the other shaking their heads against the suggestion to take membership in Prince Hall Grand Lodge, the problem of what to do with Hijos del Caribe Lodge became a most perplexing one.

Last December the belligerents took the initiative and the first step to bring about peace by applying to Daniel T. Teagle, then head of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York State, for a dispensation, which was issued. The entire lodge was admitted on probation for 6 months. Now a warrant has been granted which gives both white and colored full membership. No objection is known to have been raised against this method of procedure by those in power at 23rd street headquarters of the New York Grand Lodge.

The former residents of Latin America are business and professional men. One is a civil engineer. All their work in the lodge room is done in Spanish.

Fifty-three subordinate lodges are under the jurisdiction of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the state of New York, with a combined membership of more than 3,500. The number of subordinate lodges in Greater New York are: Manhattan, eighteen; Brooklyn, six; Staten Island, one; Flushing, one; and Jamaica, one. Boyer Lodge No. 1, Manhattan, is the oldest, having been organized in 1812 by the Prince Hall Lodge of Massachusetts.

At the annual grand lodge session recently held at Mother A. M. E. Zion Church, Edward T. Sherwood of Brooklyn, was elected Grand Master. Other officers are Francis F. Giles, Brooklyn, Deputy Grand Master; Raymond Jackson, Buffalo, Senior Grand Secretary, and and Arthur Simmons, New York, Grand Treasurer.

The Prince Hall Masonic order is a direct descendant of African Lodge No. 459 of Boston, which obtained a charter from the Grand Lodge of England in 1784. Prince Hairi, a West Indian, Negro, and fourteen other free members of his race, were initiated in a military lodge attached to one of the regiments under Gen. Gage in 1775.

Design New Masonic Badges

Difficulties encountered in affiliating with white lodges of Boston, made it imperative for them to have issued a warrant for the formation of African Lodge. Prince Hall was Grand Master. Later the Grand Lodge was named for him. Today there are thirty-nine grand jurisdictions of Prince Hall Masons, 9,000 subordinate or constituent lodges, with an approximate membership of 350,00.

At the annual session of the New York Grand Lodge an emblem was adopted which is expected to be an important factor to distinguishing disciples of Prince Hall from other Negro Masons, classed by them as bogus. It has been designed by R. T. Givens, master of Trinity Lodge, No. 33 of Newark, N. J., and can be bought only by one in good standing from the Secretary of his lodge at a regular meeting.

Connecticut, New Jersey and other Grand Lodges of Prince Hall Masons have also officially accepted the emblem, which, aside from serving as a mark of identification, will insure uniformity throughout the country. The Grand Lodge in each state must give its endorsement before members of the subordinate lodges can secure and wear the new buttons.

One of the best known grand chapters of the Order of Eastern Star, under the jurisdiction of Prince Hall Masons, is Eureka of which Mrs. Alice Campbell of New York City is Grand Matron. It has local organizations in Saratoga, Utica, Rochester, Tarrytown, Buffalo, Troy, Ithaca, Niagara Falls, Syracuse, Yonkers, Newburgh, Catskill, Port Jefferson, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle and the five boroughs.

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Masons.

NEGRO SHRINERS ARRIVE IN CITY

New York and Florida Delegations First Here For National Council.

First delegations from Florida and New York arrived in Charlotte yesterday for the national negro Shrine council meeting, which begins Tuesday morning in the Armory-Auditorium.

About 30 were in the Florida group and only a part of the New York delegation arrived, the main group of Empire State representatives being scheduled to arrive today.

SPECIAL TRAIN COMING

A special train is scheduled to get here at 10 o'clock this morning bringing 500 Shriners from Washington, D. C., Maryland and Virginia. During the afternoon delegations from Chicago, Indianapolis and the western states will come in. Other delegations are expected tonight. Most of the patrols will not come to Charlotte until Tuesday.

Among the Shriners who arrived yesterday was John H. Murphy, Jr., manager of The Afro-American, which is published in Baltimore and is said to be the largest negro newspaper in the world.

TO EXTEND WELCOME

Caesar R. Blake, Jr., of Charlotte, imperial potentate of the Shrine, said yesterday that fully 4,000 visitors were expected for the national meeting. Mayor Wilson and Clarence O. Kuester of the Chamber of Commerce will welcome the Shriners at the first session Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

The big parade will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and the competitive drills will follow immediately. The prizes for the latter event will total $1,500.

Representative DePriest of Chicago will speak Wednesday night at the grand Shrine ball in the Armory-Auditorium.

BLAKE TO AGAIN HEAD SHRINERS

8-9-30

Caesar R. Blake, Jr., imperial potentate, of Charlotte, N.C., and Harry Knight, deputy imperial potentate, of Philadelphia, were unanimously reelected. Wednesday morning.

I. H. Bradbury, of St. Louis, was elected imperial chief rabban to succeed Clarence Baxter, of Indianapolis. A. W. Brazier, of New Orleans, La., was elected imperial assistant rabban.

Other officers elected were: J. R. Williams, Pittsburgh, imperial high priest and prophet; Stewart Jefferson, Chicago, imperial oriental guide; Isaac M. Carper, Charleston, W.Va.; imperial first ceremonial master; S. S. Richardson, Daytona, Fla., imperial second ceremonial master; Raymond King, Evansville, Ind., imperial captain of the guard, to succeed Samuel H. Crowder, of Ensley, Ala.; Frank W. Brown, of Cincinnati, imperial outer guard.

Charles D. Freeman, Washington, D.C., imperial treasurer, was re-elected unanimously.

Thomas H. Williams was elected to fill the position of recorder made vacant by the death of Levi Williams.

Charlotte, N. C. News.
Friday, August 8, 1930

Negro Shriners Close Meeting

Selection of Next Meeting Place for Convention Left to New Officers.

The negro Shriners of North and South America who have been in session here for the past three days brought their annual gathering to a close yesterday afternoon and by this morning practically all of the estimated 2,000 Shriners in attendance had departed for their homes in every section of the United States.

The matter of selecting a place for next year's meeting was left up to the new officers. Caesar Blake, of Charlotte, was presented with a past-potentate's jewel following his re-election to that office for the coming year.

NEGRO SHRINERS GATHER AT CHARLOTTE TODAY

Charlote, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Some 2,000 negro Shriners from every part of the United States were here today for the two-day convention of the order, which opened this morning.

Oscar DePriest, negro congressman, from Illinois, will speak tomorrow night.

2,000 ATTEND NEGRO SHRINERS MEETING

Nobles of Mystic Shrine of North and South America At Charlotte Session.

Charlotte, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Two thousand delegates to the 31st annual session of the negro imperial council A. E. A. Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America were welcomed to Charlotte today.

City Manager R. W. Rigsby told the assembly that there is no negro problem in this city and declared that as a result of the present session there will accrue a better understanding between the race.

Clarence O. Kuester, secretary of the chamber of commerce, traced the growth of North Carolina for the last 30 years, saying that in this growth the welfare of the negro was always a part of the program of advancement.

The welcoming addresses were responded to by John W. Hobbs, imperial auditor, and James White, imperial legal advisor.

Representative Oscar De Priest, of Chicago, negro congressman, from Illinois, will be the principal speaker at tomorrow night's session.

A parade and competitive drills are part of tomorrow's program.

Charlotte, N. C. Observer
Tuesday, August 5, 1930

NEGRO SHRINE MEETING WILL START TODAY

Negro Shriners from many sections of the country arrived in Charlotte yesterday for the opening meeting at 10 o'clock this morning of the national council, to be in session the next two days at the Armory-Auditorium. Florida and New York delegations arrived Sunday, and delegations from a number of other states were coming in on all trains yesterday. An attendance of 4,000 is expected.

Mayor Wilson and Clarence O. Kuester of the Chamber of Commerce will extend a welcome to the Shriners this morning. A big parade is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, an address by Representative DePriest of Chicago tomorrow night.

NEGRO SHRINE MEETING

CHARLOTTE, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Delegates from practically every state were arriving here today for the national negro Shrine council meeting which opens here tomorrow.

The vanguard of the more than 4,000 representatives expected to attend the sessions arrived from Florida and New York yesterday, a special train bringing 500 negro Shriners from Washington, D. C., was scheduled to arrive today. Delegates from western states are also expected today.

Representative Oscar DePriest, of Chicago, the only negro in congress, will be the principal speaker at Wednesday night's session.

Charlotte, N. C. Observer
Tuesday, August 5, 1930

THE NEGRO SHRINERS.

Perhaps some of our Northern friends dropping in on Charlotte and noticing the decoration of the streets with American Legion emblems, might manifest some surprise on being informed that the decorations were put up in honor of negroes, but such is the fact. A Southern city has decorated its streets for the coming of delegates to the National Negro Shrine Council, same as it would decorate for celebration event of any other kind which circumstance may be accepted by people throughout the North as typical fo Southern sentiment toward the negro. The city will be thronged with negroes from all parts of the country; they will have the freedom of the streets and the use of Charlotte's Auditorium, of conspicuous Service to Congressman DePriest, of Illinois, and their parades, their speakings and their social functionings will be staged in an atmosphere they will feel to be friendly.

Charlotte, N. C. News
Monday, August 4, 1930

Negro Shrine Members Here For Convention

Expect 4,000 Visitors to Be Here by Morning—Mayor Wilson to Welcome Secret Order.

Special trains were arriving here today from widely scattered parts of the United States bringing delegations of negro Shriners to the National negro Shrine meeting which will open here at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the City Armory-Auditorium.

The first delegation arrived yesterday with 30 negro Shriners from Florida. A partial delegation from New York City also arrived last night. Approximately 500 from Washington, Baltimore, and points in Virginia arrived this morning marking the first sizable influx of negro Shriners. During the afternoon, trains with delegations from Chicago, Indianapolis, and the Middle West were scheduled to arrive. Other delegations will arrive during the night and in the morning.

Caesar R. Blake, Jr., of Charlotte, imperial potentate of the negro Shrine, has estimated that a total of 4,000 negro Shriners will be here by tomorrow, representing every section of the United States. Among the notables here today was John H. Murphy, Jr., of Baltimore, manager of the Afro-American, said to be the largest negro newspaper in the world.

When the annual National gathering of the negro Shrine opens Mayor George Wilson and Clarence O. Kuester, of the local Chamber of Commerce, will welcome the gathering to the city. The parades will be staged Wednesday, with prizes totalling $1,500 being offered in competitive drills.

Congressman Oscar DePriest, negro, of Chicago, is scheduled to speak Wednesday night at the Armory-Auditorium in connection with the grand ball.

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GREAT CROWDS WATCH NEGRO SHRINE PARADE

Bands, Patrols, and Boy Scouts Form Line of March.

DEPRIEST IS SPEAKER

Caesar Blake, Jr., of Charlotte, Re-elected Imperial Potentate.

The staging of a large parade and competitive drills, the re-election of Caesar R. Blake, Jr., of Charlotte as imperial potentate, and the delivery of an address by Representative Oscar DePriest of Chicago, marked the thirty-first annual session of the negro imperiol council of the order of

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America yesterday.

Representative Oscar DePriest of Chicago, the only negro now in congress, arrived about 10 o'clock last night and delivered an address at the grand Shrine ball at the Armory-Auditorium, touching on political, Shrine and racial topics.

DePriest declared that he did not ask members of his race to turn wholly to the republican party. "You have friends in both parties," he declared, "and you should pick out the man who can do the most for you and vote for him."

The large crowd of negroes was warned against the activities of communists at several points in the address. "The aim of communism is the overthrow of the American government," DePriest said. "I think the communist movement is designed to discredit the American negro so the other fellow can get his job."

DePriest announced his intention of continuing to appoint negroes to the army and naval academies at West Point and Annapolis, despite the fact that three of his appointees have failed to pass the examinations.

The long parade, composed of bands, patrols, negro Boy Scouts, units of the women's auxiliary, and representatives of temples from practically every state in the United States moved down Morehead street to Tryon, down South Tryon to Fourth, then west to Mint, and thence to Trade street. As the marchers moved eastward on Trade street, showers of confetti and torn papers were thrown out from the offices in the Independence building at the Square, lending a gala touch to the scene as the Shriners marched by in colorful costumes. Several floats were also in the parade.

Fully 50,000 people saw the national negro Shrine march by in annual dress parade. Perfect order was prevalent. Police Chief Horace Moore commended the Shriners and the white and negro onlookers for the quiet and order that prevailed during the whole length of the parade.

During the business session yesterday at the Armory-Auditorium Caesar R. Blake, Jr., was re-elected imperial potentate. Harry Knight of Philadelphia was elected deputy imperial potentate, and R. H. Bradbury of St. Louis was chosen chief rabban. The other officers will be elected today, and the place will be selected for next year's council meeting.

Competitive drills were held last night during the grand Shrine ball at the Armory-Auditorium and prizes will be awarded the winners today. The prizes total $1,500.

Charlotte, N. C. Observer
Wednesday, August 6, 1930

THRONG IN CITY FOR MEETING OF NEGRO SHRINERS

Representative DePriest Speaks at Ball Tonight.

LEADERS OF RACE ATTEND

Rigsby and Kuester Welcome Delegates; Say No Race Problem in City.

Two thousand delegates to the thirty-first annual session of the negro imperial council A. E. A. Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America were welcomed to Charlotte at the Armory-Auditorium yesterday morning by City Manager R. W. Rigsby and Clarence O. Kuester of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Rigsby declared that there is no negro problem in Charlotte and said that as a result of the present session there will accrue a better understanding between the races. Mr. Kuester traced the growth of the state and city for the past 30 years, showing that in this growth the welfare of the negro race was ever a part of the program in the march of advancement.

The welcoming addresses were responded to by John W. Dobbs, imperial auditor, and James White, imperial legal advisor. Other addresses of welcome were made by Prof. W. B. Trent, president of Livingstone college; Mary McCrorey of Johnson C. Smith university; Dr. E. E. Blackmon, A. W. Brazier, W. P. Robinson, Alice Campbell and C. O. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance company of Durham.

Many other delegations and patrols arrived yesterday to take part in the mammoth parade to be staged this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock on the principal streets of the city. After the big parade, the competitive drills will be staged and $1,500 will be awarded in prizes. Representative DePriest of Chicago will speak at the grand Shrine ball at the Armory-auditorium tonight. Business sessions will continue throughout Thursday.

Many of the visitors are quartered at Johnson C. Smith university and the others are at negro hotels and homes in the city. Among the prominent leaders of the negro race here for the convention are the following:

D. A. Oliver, of Fort Worth, Texas; Attorney William A. Heathman of Providence, R. I.; Prof. T. M. Dent of Washington, D. C.; Stewart C. Jefferson of Chicago; Frank Brown, Jr., of Cincinnati; A. W. Brazier and M. D. White of Chicago; Isaac M. Carper of Charleston, W. Va.; R. Barrett of Richmond, Va.; J. W. Dobbs of Atlanta; C. C. Spaulding of Durham; Samuel W. Cox of Pittsburgh; W. I. Saspartas of Toledo; Peter Johnson of Tampa; B. J. Lipscomb of Princeton, N. J.; William Oney of Des Moines; Jacob Wright, of Richmond; Dr. Raymond King of Evansville, Ind.; Z. V. Fields, of Greenville, S. C.; "Billboard" Jackson of the department of commerce at Washington, D. C.

The Colored Shrine Convention.

The holding in this City of the annual convention of the negro Shrine of North and South America offers a splendid opportunity for comment on the character of our colored citizens and the pleasant relations which have been maintained between them and the white population throughout recent years. Were it not for a reminder of the sort of this largely attended session, we should be likely to overlook the existence of a theoretical problem, more especially since nothing has occurred for many years to mark its supposed presence.

For some time after the Civil War, and beginning with the advent of a post war colored generation, there was every indication that the changed status of the colored man presented a difficult situation. His was a new-feedom—an always dangerous factor—and ours was a forcibly relinquished mastery. Through the years immediately following the accomplishment of emancipation, the period of the red shirts, and the sporadic outbursts of the early years in the twentieth century, each race has been engaged in an attempt to adjust itself to the rights and the privileges of the opposite race. It was a difficult process, and one that, in too many instances of unreasonable action, resulted in needless suffering. The white race was forced to give up what it had grown to consider as its unassailable prerogative; the negroes were determined to make the most of the gift of freedom.

The process of adjustment has been going on for more than sixty years. There are instances of occasional flare-ups, although, to be accurate, it must be admitted that they are the results of individual rather than racial misbehavior so far as this immediate section is concerned. The problem, finally, seems to have solved itself. More than a tacit agreement to live and let live, there seems to be an amplification which provides for, not only life, but pleasant life. Our colored friends are become, by reason of their own efforts, an integral and acceptible part of the community, and it is our hope that the condition will continue. The holding of this convention in Charlotte signalizes, on the parts of the white and colored races, the existence of an entirely

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Appreciation by the Negro Shriners.

To the Editor of The Observer:

A resolution unanimously prevailed in the recent meeting of the Imperial Council of the A. E. A. Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America and Jurisdiction, that a letter of appreciation and thanks be extended to your newspaper for the publicity which you gave its recent meeting here, and the unexcelled editorials which your paper carried in the interest of racial amity.

Many of our representatives had never been South before, and we feel that your editorials, along with the orderly conduct of our convenion went a long way toward having a better understanding between the races.

Almost every delegate carried home a copy of those issues of your paper which contained your able editorials and reports of our session.

Very truly yours,
CAESAR R. BLAKE, JR.,
Imperial Potentate A. E. A. O. N. M. Shrine of N. and S. America and Jurisdiction.
Attested:
THOMAS H. WILLIAMS,
Imperial Recorder.
Jersey City, N. J., Aug. 18.

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Protest Cordiality of City to Negro Meeting

Charlotte white folks were entirely too cordial to the negro Shriners here last week, according to anonymous communications received by the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, on file there yesterday. The Chamber, itself, was too smart in getting the annual gathering here. The local newspapers gave too much space to the event. The police officials did wrong in permitting a mounted police escort for the parade. The City Council forgot all about white supremacy in allowing the use of the Armory Auditorium for the Shrine sessions. Just why and who said so were matters buried in the anonymity of the letters.

York Masons Convene in Chicago Oct. 7-9

Defender
Chicago, Ill.

The national grand lodge, Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons, will convene at the Pilgrim Baptist church, 33d St. and Indiana Ave., beginning Oct. 7 and lasting until Oct. 9.

The session will be formally opened by a public reception at the Pilgrim church Tuesday, Oct. 7. Among the prominent persons who are scheduled to address the group are Congressman Oscar DePriest, Major Robert R. Jackson, Judge William Harrison, William Hale Thompson, and Alderman Louis B. Anderson, who will appear on behalf of the citizens of Chicago and Illinois. Attorney George C. Adams, grand attorney of St. Mark lodge, will be the master of ceremonies at the reception.

The program of the opening session is as follows:

Song, "America," congregation.

Invocation, Rev. Smith, pastor Mt. Moriah church.

Welcome, on behalf of churches of the city of Chicago, Rev. J. C. Austin, pastor of Pilgrim church.

Solo, Mrs. Dennis, court No. 13.

Welcome, on behalf of the city of Chicago, Hon. Mayor William H. Thompson.

Welcome, on behalf of the state of Illinois, Governor Hon. Louis L. Emmerson, represented by Judge W. H. Harrison.

Solo, Mrs. W. H. Martinez, Carey Temple.

Welcome, on behalf of fraternal organizations, Major R. R. Jackson.

Address, on behalf of the citizens of Chicago, Hon. Louis B. Anderson.

Solo, Mrs. Lovie Lawson, court No. 1.

Fraternal greetings, mother grand lodge of England, Capt. Robert Fraser, commissioner of Boy Scouts.

Fraternal greetings, from grand lodge of Canada, Hon. T. R. Pearson, native of Canada.

Welcome, on behalf of national government. First district, Hon. Oscar DePriest, congressman.

Welcome, on behalf of Eastern Star, Heriones Jerimiah, daughter of Isis, state of Illinois, Mrs. Precia T. Nooe, G. M. A. M.

Response, Miss N. A. McQueen, national grand most ancient matron, U. S. A.

Introduction, National Grand Master S. S. Simmons by Hon. Cato McGhee, grand master of Illinois, national imperial grand potentate, A. A. O. M. S., U. S. A.

Response, Hon. S. S. Simmons, national grand master.

YORK MASONS HOLD MEETING IN ENSLEY---ORDER IN GOOD SHAPE

DR. J. B. CARTER MAKES INTERESTING SPEECH AT THE OPENING SESSION

Reporter

The sixty-first annual session of the Free and Acepted Ancient York Masons opened Wednesday morning at the Bethel A. M. E. Church, Ensley, Ala., and the public program was rendered Wednesday night. The program consisted of welcome addresses on behalf of the city, churches, fraternal societies, and other enterprises. A short address was made by Rev. J. B. Carter, the Grand Master of the Order.

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The meetings are being well attended, and will likely close some time Saturday following the election of officers on Friday, October 17.

The Masonic Hall at Ensley is being used for the session. According to official reports, the order is in a prosperous condition, showing an increase in membership, and a substantial cash balance with all debts paid, and with 248 beneficiaries, including widows and orphans, receiving sums of money each quarter as provided by the charity department of the fraternity.

Besides Dr. J. B. Carter, Grand Master, the official staff is composed of A. M. Pope, Selma, Ala., Grand Secretary; D. G. Valentine, Mobile, Ala., Secretary of Charity Department; A. T. Williams, Birmingham, Ala., Secretary of Building Department; O. L. Craig, Birmingham, Ala., Secretary of Burial Department; F. D. Burton, Eutaw, Ala., Treasurer of Charity Department; Rev. P. M. Davis, Anniston, Ala., Treasurer of Burial Department; Jeff Green, Birmingham, Ala., Treasurer of Grand Lodge Department; C. H. Jenkins, Birmingham, Ala., Treasurer of Building Fund Department.

Mrs. Emma L. Goins of Mobile, Ala., is the most Ancient Grand Matron; Mrs. Ruby Brown of Evergreen, Ala., is Grand Secretary; and Mrs. Alice Goodson of Booth, Ala., is Treasurer.

Mrs. Mary Bracy of Prattville, Ala., is Grand Matron of the Eastern Star; Mrs. Butler of Mobile, Ala., is Grand Secretary; Rev. J. S. Brown of Birmingham, is Grand Patron; and Mrs. Wheaten of Birmingham is Treasurer.

It must be remembered that Mrs. Emma L. Goins is the Most Ancient Grand Matron of the Herons of Jericho.

The women's department of the order held its sessions at the Bethel A. M. E. Church, Ensley, and the meetings were largely attended.

The people of Ensley, both colored and white, have been unsparing in their efforts to give the Grand Lodge officers and the delegates most cordial welcome and entertainment while there. It is everywhere stated that the Grand Lodge has received no better entertainment any place. The work of the order has received encouragement because of having held its session in the "Steel City."

In his opening remarks, Grand Master Carter complimented the people of Birmingham and Jefferson County, black and white, for the remarkable relations which exist, saying that he thought that the time would not be long before the Negro would be enjoying every protection guaranteed other citizens. He emphasized the fact that our educational advantages are growing as steadily and as rapidly as resources and conditions will permit. He expressed much faith in the future for the Negro in Alabama.

York Rite Masons in Triennial Session

The triennial session of the national grand lodge of the Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons came to a close Friday, Oct. 10, at the Pythian temple. Peace and harmony prevailed during the session. The majority of the old officers were re-elected unanimously.

Among many of the progressive and outstanding actions taken by the national grand lodge was the creation of a national grand charity system which enables all of the members throughout the jurisdiction to become members of a national system. In the course of time policy or membership certificates are expected to be issued ranging from $300 to $1,000, to be available at the death of each member. Each member will be permitted to hold his membership in his local grand charity as well as being a member of the grand charity.

Attorney George C. Adams, grand secretary for the St. Mark grand lodge of the state of Illinois, served on a committee with Dr. O. H. Sweet of Detroit, the grand master of the state of Michigan, together with others who drew up the plans for the national charity system, and at the conclusion of the national grand lodge, Attorney Adams was elected secretary of the national grand charity board and Dr. Sweet was elected as treasurer.

It is expected that many thousands of dollars will be collected into that department before its next triennial session, which convenes in Detroit in 1933.

MASONS GET 33RD DEGREE

Seventeen Are Given Highest Honor, Harmony Prevails at Meeting in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 12—The United Supreme Council of Ancient and accepted Scottish Rite Masonry of the Southern Jurisdiction, affiliated with Prince Hall Masonry convened here recently Williard W. Allen Illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander presiding.

Harmony Prevails

The honorary 33rd degree was conferred on a class of seventeen, while Walter T. Woods of Birmingham, Alabama, Dr. Edward S. Baker of Kansas City, and B. F. Warner of Los Angeles, California, were granted Active Membership of the Council.

The Annaul Divine Services were held on Sunday evening at Sharp Street Memorial Church, at which time Bishop A. L. Gaines delivered the Annual Sermon. On Monday evening. Memorial Services were conducted at the same church.

As a demonstration of the harmonious relations between the Northern and Southern Jurisdiction the guests of honor were: Dr. Sumner A. Furniss, Soverign Grand Commander of the Northern Jurisdiction, who hails from Indianapolis; Dr. Conwell Banton of Wilmington Delaware, Grand Secretary Harry Knight of Philadelphia, Assistant Grand Secretary; Howard Could, Grand Keeper of Archi ves from Philadelphia; Charles H. Polk aide to Illustrious Furniss, and John R. Hubert, President of the International Conference of Grand Masters, a resident of Wilmington, Delaware.

Officers Elected

The elected officers are: Willard W. Allen, Most Poissant Sovereign Grand Commander, Baltimore, Md.; B. F. Arrington, Leiut. Grand Commander, Washington, D. C.; Isaac M. Carper, Grand Chancellor, Charleston, W. Va., W. W. Smith, Minister of State, Charlotte, N. C.; Joseph P. Evans, Treasurer General, Baltimore, Md.; James T. Beason, Secretary General; Wash., D. C.

These officers, together with fifteen appointive officers comprise the staff.

The entertainment was in charge of Hiram Consistory, No. 2 of Baltimore.

THOUSANDS VIEW SHRINE PARADE IN CHARLOTTE

City Manager of North Carolina City States That There Is No Race Problem In His Town—DePriest Attends.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Aug. 14—In welcoming the Imperial Council to the city of Charlotte this morning, in the City Armory, where the sessions are being held, the Hon. R. W. Rigsby, city manager of the city of Charlotte, ventured the statement that there was no Negro problem in this city, and that as a result of this present session, there would accrue a better understanding between the races.

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce the Hon. Clarence O. Kuester traced the growth of the race and city for the past 30 years, showing that, in this growth, the welfare of the colored people was ever a part of the program in the march of advancement. He declared that there was no need of the war for the emancipation of the Negro, and that this emancipation would have been the natural order of things within the next ten years following its advent.

Mr. Kuester further declared the depression all over the country which has existed for the last twelve months was unwarranted, and predicted that it would not last six months longer. He pointed with pride to the interest which the state and city provided for its unfortunates, and proposed the proposition that people who are well fed and well clothed cause no trouble.

Noble John W. Dobbs, imperial auditor, and Noble James White, imperial legal advisor, responded respectively to the above addresess.

Other addresses of welcome were made by Prof. W. B. Trent, president of Livingstone College; Mrs. Mary McCrorey of Johnson C. Smith University; Dr. E. E. Blackmon, A. W. Brazier, W. P. Robinson, Mrs. Alice Campbell and Mr. C. C. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Durham, N. C.

Immediately following the public session the imperial council was regularly opened by the imperial potentate for the purpose of beginning its official business. Imperial Potentate Blake delivered his annual address.

Word of the sudden death of the wife of Noble J. C. Boger, potentate of Medji Temple, No. 45, at her home in Fort Worth, Tex., was brought to the imperial council. A motion to convey to Noble Boger the sympathy of the imperial council prevailed.

At 8 o'clock in the evening the "Feast of Isis" dance was held in the Armory, to the delight of the thousands of delegates and visitors in attendance.

On Wednesday morning next the imperial council was called to order by the imperial potentate, Noble Caesar R. Blake Jr., at which time routine business of the imperial council was transacted.

At the same hour the twenty-first annual session of the Imperial Grand Court, Daughters, of Isis, opened in the Second Ward High School by Imperial Commander Daughter Lillie E. Powell, of Jacksonville, Fla. This session was attended by over four hundred delegates, coming from every section of the country. Reports read at this session indicate the prosperity that the grand and subordinate courts have enjoyed this year as the result of the improved methods inaugurated.

Preceding the big parade the delegates were served a barbecue luncheon.

The Shriners' parade was viewed by thousands who lined the streets of the "Queen City." It was over a mile in length and was composed of numerous patrols, bands and drum and bugle corps. Col. Charles Young American Legion Post, No. 168, under command of Drum Major Bishop Hale, was the outstanding feature of the parade. The colored Boy Scouts of this city also were in line.

The arrival of Congressman Oscar DePriest was the signal for an outburst of applause from the thousands in the audience.

The imperial council voted to go into the election of officers, with the following results: Caesar R. Blake Jr., of Charlotte, N. C., unanimously re-elected imperial potentate; Harry Knight, of Philadelphia, Pa., deputy imperial potentate; I. H. Bradbury, of St. Louis, Mo., imperial chief rabban, replacing Clarence Baxter, of Indianapolis, Ind.; J. R. Williams, Pittsburgh, Pa., high priest and prophet; Stewart C. Jefferson, Chicago, Ill., oriental guide; Isaac M. Carper, Charleston, W. Va., first ceremony master; S. S. Richardson, Daytona, Fla., second ceremony master; Raymond King, Evansville, Ind., captain of guard, supplanting Samuel H. Crowder, Ensley, Ala.; Charles D. Freeman, Washington, D. C., imperial treasurer, and Frank W. Brown, Cincinnati, O., outer guard, re-elected unanimously; Thomas H. Williams, Jersey City, N. J., unanimously elected recorder, to fill vacancy caused by death of Levi Williams.

Nobles Harry A. Knight, deputy imperial potentate, and Charles D. Freeman, imperial treasurer, were presented with watches as an appreciation of their service to the imperial council. A very handsome jewel was presented to the imperial potentate on behalf of the imperial council as an expression of confidence of the imperial council in his integrity and for the yeoman service rendered by him in behalf of the council.

The meeting adjourned, to meet subject to the call of the imperial divan.

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LEGAL AID ASSOCIATION TO HOLD MASS MEETING FEB. 23 AT MASONIC TEMPLE

A public mass meeting of the Birmingham Benevolent and Legal Aid Association will be held in the Masonic Temple auditorium, corner Fourth Avenue and Seventeenth Street, at 3:30 p. m., Sunday, February 23, 1930, at which time the objects and purposes of the association will be fully explained, and the chief counsel, Attorney John D. Hill, together with leading interested citizens, will address the meeting.

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Conception and birth was given to this organization less than one year ago to enable progressive and forward-looking Negroes of substantial worth to assist the less fortunate and underprivileged Negro to get a hearing in the courts of the city and state before he has lost his money, property, life, liberty or opportunity to pursue happiness. Almost daily some case of exploitation, injustice, injury to person or property rights of Negroes are reported by witnesses, the pulpit and press. No persons or organizations of Negro origin seem to manifest any interest in these cases, yet we have numerous associations organized for "the prevention of cruelty to animals," and one dare not throw a stone at a dog. The strong must either bear the burdens of the weak or suffer with them. No one human being is safe from injury and exploitation (white or black) until every one is protected.

The Birmingham Benevolent and Legal Aid Association was organized for constructive service. It is maintained by public subscriptions from Negroes; it is not in opposition to anybody or other organization; its program is non-political, undenominational, non-fraternal, and is broad and altruistic enough to challenge the interest and support of every Negro in Birmingham. The public is invited to attend this mass meeting and know "what it is all about." The trustees comprise many of Birmingham's leading citizens, viz: Rev. J. B. Carter, Prof. A. G. Dobbins, James E. Kelley, J. S. Jones, J. B. Butts, Oscar W. Adams, Rev. F. W. Alstork, W. H. Calloway, Profs. W. C. Davis, G. A. Payne and W. R. Wood; Revs. H. C. Terrell, J. W. Goodgame, Wm. Craig and E. M. Morton; Bishop B. G. Shaw, Revs. C. S. Reddick and E. O. Woolfolk; A. J. Topps, W. R. Strothers, P. S. Shorter, John W. Commons, J. W. Williams, J. T. Harrison, T. C. Windham and Grandmaster W. T. Woods. Admission free.

MASONS OF HIGH DEGREE VISIT CITY

Reporter

WOODS MAKES FINE SHOWING FOR NATIONAL HEADS

1-18-30 Birmingham Ala. Courier

The Negro people of Birmingham entertained beginning Saturday, Jan. 11, through Monday evening some distinguished high degree Masons who were making a tour of the Southern jurisdiction extending from Maryland down the Atlantic Coast to California. Their schedule included more than thirty cities and their tour is in the interest of Scottish Rite Masonry. According to Willard W. Allen, of Baltimore, Md., Illustrious Sovereign Grand Counsel of the Southern Jurisdiction and Commander of the Supreme Scottish Rite Masons, in speaking to the Scottish Rite Masons in Birmingham, the trip was a good will tour in an effort to get acquainted with the order in the South. Mr. Allen heads the party of Supreme Council officials which includes Joseph P. Evans, Grand Treasurer General, H. E.; Geo. T. Duppin, Grand Minister of State, both of Maryland, and Cicero A. Lee, Assistant Grand Recorder General, H. E., of Washington, D. C. The party arrived in Birmingham at 2:35 Saturday. While here they were the special guests of Walter Thomas Woods, Grand Master and Deputy of this district. The men were entertained variously and Saturday night a most interesting initiation took place on the fourth floor of the Masonic Temple when eleven 32nd degree Masons received the 33rd degree. They were Dr. L. U. Goins, S. M. Martin, L. M. Tolbert, Sidney Beverly, Hugh F. Barrington, Oscar W. Adams, H. Councill Trenholm, David L. Jones, Pat Cade, Charles W. Peters, and W. E. Shortridge. 1-18-30

On Monday the party was carried to the steel plants of Ensley and was escorted over the works by a special guide. It was Mr. W. E. Shortridge who furnished his Packard and Cadillac cars for the trip over the city to and from the plants. A banquet was tendered the party Monday night and a large number of high degree Masons participated. This group from the East went away in high praise of Grand Master Walter Thomas Woods, of Alabama, and the fine men found in the city of Birmingham.

Mr. Allen is Grand Master of Symbolic Masons in the state of Maryland. In addition to his fraternal activities he is the only colored member of the

White Shriners' Fight At End

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 30—(ANP)—The clerk of the court of Harris county has refunded to the Imperial Council of Negro Shriners, through the legal counsel of the order, the sum of $1,090, which sum represented the costs of the original suit conducted by Watkins, White and Dennison between the white and colored Shriners in Texas; and which case, won in Texas, was set aside by the Supreme Court of the United States last year. Courier 2-1-30 Chattanooga Tenn.

This payment, settlement of which was delayed by the death of Attorney Wilford Smith, puts the end of the effort to prevent Negroes from wearing the regalia of Shriners or practicing the ritual of the organization. All that remains of the matter is the filing of the necessary information with the proper officials in the different states where the Texas idea had found favorable reaction.

Imperial Potentate Caesar R. Blake Jr., who some time since acknowledged receipt of reimbursement of costs from the white Imperial Council, is highly elated at the outcome of the case, since it has established for all time a strong protection for all Negro fraternal organizations.

SHRINERS SEEK RECOGNITION IN GEORGIA STATE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(ANP)—Imperial Potentate, Caesar R. Blake, Jr., of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Prince Hall Affiliation) recently consulted a local law firm with a view of retaining counsel in Georgia to enforce recognition of the mandate of the Supreme Court of the United States in the matter of the litigation between the white and colored Shriners. Journal and Guide 3/15/30

Georgia was the first state to obtain an injunction restraining Negro Shriners. The complaint originated in Fulton County and resulted in a injunction by the Supreme Court of Georgia in 1918. Later other states originated similar proceedings, all of which led up to the appeal to the Supreme Court in the Texas case. The decision of the court of last resort being binding on the entire country, it is expected that the re-establishment of the Shrine activities will follow upon the completion of a few legal formalities. Georgia, however, may resist and delay the happy culmination as long as it is possible to do so.

350 DELEGATES AT PHILLY MASONIC MEET

Afro-American

Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction, Holds 49th Annual Session

5-17-30

DISCUSS JOBS

Baltimore, Md.

Economic Depression among Topics of Discussion

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — With 375 members present, the 49th annual session of the United Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masons convened at the new temple, Fitzwater Street here, Monday.

The annual allocution of the sovereign grand commander, Dr. Summer A. Furniss, of Indianapolis, Ind., was delivered at the opening session.

Unemployment Discussed

Dr. Furniss talked at length upon the seriousness of the unemployment situation and called attention to the fact that on account of the types of work in which colored men were engaged they were the first to feel the results of the business depression. He suggested organized efforts looking towards a better distribution of work in industrial fields. "The many fraternal organizations among colored people," he said, "could well take up a program of this kind."

Get 33rd Degree

Thirty-six candidates for the 33rd degree were initiated at the evening session. Those receiving the honorary Masonic degree were:

J. M. Anderson of Denver, Colo.; John Vincent Keese and John Phenius Graham of New Haven, Conn. Jesse E. Brown, of Tulsa, Okla.; D. L. Stewart, of Addison, Kansas; Isaac Burton, George Lockett and Charles C. Quander, of New York City; Alfred Robinson, of Wilmington, Del.

John Wesley Moore, of Flint, Mich. Dr. William O. Norcom, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; John Thomas Wood and Joseph Jenkins of Cambridge, Mass; Louis Hull Gray, Harry E. Davis and Leland D. French, of Cleveland, Ohio; Ray E. Hughes, of Columbus, Ohio.

Walter H. Russell, of Wabash, Ind.; Forrest W. Littlejohn, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Austin Henry, of Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Page Anderson, of Chambersburgh, Pa.; L. A. Travers, of Scranton, Pa.; John C. Magee, of Altoona, Pa.; W. A. Pettes, of Clairton, Pa.; H. Stewart, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Thomas Lowe, of Rochester, Pa.

J. L. Holmes, of Bellevon, Pa.; St. Elmo Davenport, Charles Randall and Dunmore Smith, of Atlantic City; William Williams, of Chicago, Ill.; Michael Robinson and Samuel Wilson of Cincinnati, Ohio; H. A. Paxon, J. D. Freeman and Raymond P. Alexander, of this city.

Given Smoker

Following the initiation, a smoker was gven in honor of the Supreme Council by the local consistory.

On Tuesday the council adjourned.

Masons Meet In Philly

Courier 5-17-30

Supreme Council of Scottish Rites In 49th Session—Attorney White Succeeds William Morris

PHILADELPHIA, May 15.—A large and distinguished delegation of Scottish Rite Masons fro mall sections of the north, east and west attended the 49th

MASONIC HOSTS GREETED WITH FREEZE OUT

Afro-American

Southern Faction Given Cold Shoulder as Convention Opens.

8-7-30

Baltimore Md

CHURCH LOCKED

Governor, Mayor, and Others Disappoint Body

Bedecked in uniforms of unique designs and many hues, flowing plumes in their hats and scabbards dazzling at their sides, five thousand delegates from all sections of the country paraded through the streets of the city at the opening of the 55th bi-ennial session of the United Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, Sunday afternoon.

The visitors, who hailed from as far south as Texas and Florida, with the largest delegation coming from Louisiana, the home state of the order, and as far west as California and a good number from Northern states, got their first setback when the boasted Baltimore hospitality reversed itself.

Crowds that gathered in front of the Metropolitan M.E. Church at Lanvale Street and Carrollton Avenue, where the bi-ennial sermon was to be preached, were surprised to find the doors locked and the pastor out of town.

Factionalism Blamed

Floyd Clark, grand master of Hiram Grand Lodge of this city, which is host to the convention, stated that he had received a curt notice late Saturday that the church would not be available, although plans for the use of the edifice had been completed more than a month previously.

The pastor, the Rev. C. Y. Trigg, had assented to the use, he said, but when the pastor left town to conduct work at the Princess Anne Summer School of Theology, the trustee board, some of whom were members of another faction of Masons, had evidently taken the action which closed the church.

The services were held at the Cosmopolitan A.M.E. Church instead with the Rev. J. E. Evans, supreme chaplain of the order, delivering the sermon.

Willard W. Allen, grand master of the Maryland jurisdiction, told the AFRO that no member of his lodge had in any way interferred with the plans of the visitors. He admitted, however, that the local order would in no wise participate in the convention, not even to the extent of sending greetings of welcome.

While the grand master stated that no malice existed between the two orders and that the attitude of the local order would be simply to ignore the convention, considerable significance is placed on the action of the former lodge which, on the official opening of the convention Monday, went down the bay 1,000 strong on an all-day picnic.

This picnic, it was explained, had nothing to do with the visiting convention and is an annual affair. The fact that it fell this year on the opening of the convention was a coincidence, it was said. More than forty ministers of the city were carried as guests of the lodge. The picnic was held at Cambridge, Md.

Mayor Disappoints

The second disappointment came Monday night when Mayor Broening, who, according to the program, was scheduled to deliver a welcome address on behalf of the city, failed to appear. Services were delayed three-quarters of an hour, but when neither the mayor nor any of the official family put in an appearance, the program went on with Dr. George W. Lucas, of Louisiana, acting as master of ceremonies.

Tuesday, Mr. Theodore McKelden, secretary to Mayor Broening, told the AFRO that no invitation to speak at the opening had been received by the mayor.

Governor too Busy

A letter from Governor Albert C. Ritchie was read, in which the executive expressed regrets for not being able to attend. He stated that extra sessions held him at Annapolis.

The welcoming session, with the exception of the visiting delegates, was sparsely attended. This was attributed largely to the fact that a host of fraternal people were out of the city attending an anniversary outing sponsored by the Monumental Lodge of Elks, at Catonsville.

The Elks had, in the earlier part of the day, participated in a monster parade with two bands of music, the occasion being the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the Monumental Lodge. Leading members of the Elk Lodge are also high in Masonic circles, it was disclosed.

The failure of many ministers to appear at the sessions was attributed to the fact that, besides the large number of all denominations which accompanied the Masons to Cambridge, the Baptist ministers gave their annual picnic at Early Heights on the same day.

Although many ministers of this group are also affiliated with the local fraternity, it was stated that the date for the picnic was set long before the convention was announced.

Called Clandestine

The visiting convention, which is headed by G. C. Williams, is meeting opposition because they represent a faction which split from the regular and original order of Masons several years ago and formed what the parent body terms a clandestine or spurius organization.

The reception accorded them in Baltimore is a duplication of that in other cities where the opposing order is in the majority.

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from all sections of the north, Council, Northern Jurisdiction, which was held in the beautiful cathedral here during the early part of the week. Dignity and efficiency marked every important session of the body from the memorial service on Sunday until the initiation of the class of 40-odd Sublime Princes into the 33d and adjournment on Tuesday evening.

The elective officers in attendance were: Dr. Sumner A. Furniss, 33d, of Indianapolis, Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander; George W. Crawfors, 33d, New Haven, Lieutenant Grand Commander; Dr. O'Hara Miller, 33d, of Wichita, Kan., Acting Grand Minister of State; Dr. Conwell Banton, 33d, Wilmington, Del., Secretary General, H. E.; William A. Heathman, 33d, Providence, R. I., Treasurer General, H. E.; Howard Gould, 33d, Philadelphia, Grand Keeper of Archives. Many officers of the Southern Jurisdiction were also present as guests. On Monday Attorney White, of Chicago, who was counsel for the Shriners in their legal battles with southern white Shriners, was elected to fill the vacancy of Grand Minister of State, caused by the death of William R. Morris during the Masonic year.

Memorial services of the Supreme Council on Sunday were impressive in their solemnity and were preceded by an organ recital in the Senate Chamber by Julian Adger. The list of departed Inspectors General was read and included Ill. Robert Pendleton, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction; Ill. Nelson P. Wentworth, of Boston; Ill. William R. Morris, of Minnesota, Grand Minister of State; Ill. Clarence Dunlap, of Indiana; Ill. Lucius B. Willis, Indiana, and Ill. Edward S. Townsend, of Cincinnati.

Following a memorial of silent tribute and the singing of "Neare My God, to Thee," the memorial address was delivered by Ill. James R. Williams of Pittsburgh. Mr. Williams was a ubstitute speaker for Sublime Prince Robert L. Vann, 32d, who was prevented from attending by illness. The benediction was asked by Ill. Edward F. Gerus.

After the close of the memorial services the 32d degree was exemplified for 10 candidates from Long Island Consistory No. 62, and on Sunday night a Fellowship meeting was held by the Sublime Princes. R. E. Brown, commander-in-chief of DeMolay Consistory No. 1, Philadelphia, presided. The invocation was made by Ill. William H. Thomas; a vocal solo was given by Ill. Howard Greer, and talks were made by Granville Paris, of New York; Dr. W. P. Norcum, Raymond Pace Alexander, and Harry Davis, of Cleveland.

Routine business occupied Monday morning, and in the afternoon the Sovereign Grand Commander, Dr. Sumner A. Furniss, delivered his annual allocution before a crowded chamber of Sublime Princes and Inspectors General. The beloved speaker covered in detail the state of the order and the problems it had faced during th year. Speaking of the present industrial depression Dr. Furniss said, in part:

"By far the larger portion of us occupy positions of personal service Next in order of its importance are the common laborers and farmers Then come the skilled and part skilled labor which is found principally in the iron and packing industries. The merchant and the professional classes being the smaller numerically can be grouped together. It can readily be seen that the occupations from which colored people get their livelihood principally are the first to suffer in cases of industrial depression.

"There is enough general depression to account for most, if not all, of our unemployment.. With the prospect of our new tariff law being enacted, with abundance of money in the country, I see no reason why there should not be a speedy relief of the present distressing situation. Unless the cause is more deep-seated than is generally supposed economic conditions should soon improve."

In urging the need of a definite program for fraternal bodies, he said: "A thing which will contribute to the success of our organization is to have a definite program. I have repeatedly urged the importance of this, but I find that many of our units are still groping along in the old way. Many fraternities which have depended on the payment of dues to disabled members as an appeal are on the decline. This has caused many to drop out of the fraternities where this has been the only appeal, and it has been increasingly hard to secure new members There are those who go into orders for the fraternal side of the bodies They like the secret work, the parades, the ritualistic work, the paraphernalia, etc. These are the real backbone of most of our present organizations. There is an increasingly large number to whom this side does not appeal so strongly, and for that reason they are not going into the fraternities. To get these, many of whom are most desirable, it is necessary to enlarge our program and include therein matters that will interest them sufficiently to make them desire membership and to retain their membership when they are once within the fraternity."

Hundreds of members of the two highest degrees in Masonry attended the smoker given on Monday evening by the Boosters' Club of DeMolay consistory and impromptu speeches and songs enlivened this lighter session of the meetings.

Ill. George W. Crawford, lieutenant grand commander, when interviewed by the writer, said:

"The Supreme Council has been organized for 75 years, but this is the forty-ninth annual session following the union of all colored Scottish Rite Masons in the United States. Next year the Northern Jurisdiction and the Southern Jurisdiction will each fittingly celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of that union.

"It is the policy of the Supreme Council to hold at least one session in each triennium away from the cathedral, or seat of government. For that reason, the 1931 session will be held in one of the larger consistories of the Middle West.

"In spite of economic conditions, I consider that this has been a good year for the order. Membership returns show that there have been large accessions to the rosters of consistories generally, and these increases consequently enlarge the membership of the Supreme Council in the honorary grade. One inspector general is allowed for every 25 sublime princes in a consistory, although the active membership of the Supreme Council is vested in 48."

Masons.

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SCOTTISH RITE MASONS CONVENE IN THEIR 55TH BIENNIAL SESSION

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Opened Sunday With Parade And Services At Cosmopolitan Church.

Baltimore Md

(by Thomas B. Burke)

Northwest Baltimore was transformed on Sunday afternoon into countries of the east—Egypt, Arabia an Turkey, when the procession headeed by an escort of mounted police, wended its way in oriental garb; ladies costumed as they are in those coutnries, colorful and gay; the "muezzin"—the bearded "sheik" —white-robedfi mounted, ready to call his folowers to prayer; illustrious Sovereign officers, resplendent in ostrich plumes and rich regalia, others in high hats and conventionally frocked-coated.

We Have With Us

It was at the Cosmopolitan Community Church that the United Supreme Council opened on Sunday afternoon its 55th Biennial Session, to last for a week, the meetings forming the session being also held there. The opening meeting had for its Master of ceremonies the genial Dr George Lucas of New Orleans.

The Rev. Wilbur Waters, assistant pastor of the Church, welcomed the visitors, and in a hearty spirit offered the distinguished assamblage not only the open hearts of the community but a thrice hearty welcome to our city. Mr. W. B. Lea, grandmaster of the California lodges, responded in language not only appropriate, but invoked the Arabic "salaam" to prove to all the fraternal acceptance of such a royal welcome.

Those Wonderful Quartets

The program included renditions by the Michigan senior quartet and the Southern Quartet, a local four. Bouth groups gave wonderful accounts of themselves, but the Southern's was unique in that their's took the form of an action rendition, depicting their "lookig for the stone that was hewed out of the mountain, came down from Babylon, redeemer a mighy word."

The Sinless Jesus

The sermon, classed by the Master of Cermonies as being the most important part of the program—the preaching o fthe gospel, was masterfully delivered by the Grand Chaplain, the Rev. J. E. Evans, pastor of Evergreen Baptist Church, Shreveport, La. The preacher proved himself a master of simile and metaphor, and in trite sentence covered fully the entire ministry of his subject, "Jesus."

He told of Christ as being the "Sinless Jesus," the "Good Samaritan, the "Great Physician." He called Him the "Outstanding Miracle," the "Personal, social and political supreme standard, the test of character for the whole world. Jesus stops at the home of saint and sinner, telling them all to be pure in heart, for in that way shall they see God."

G. C. Williams of Louisiana is Most Puirrant Sovereign Grand Commander of the Order. The John G. Jones Consistory of the Most Worshipful Hiram Grand Lodge, Lloyd Clark, M. W. G. M. and Naomi Grand Chapter, Mrs. Elizabeth Green R. G. M., are hosts to the visitors. Monday was registration day; Tuesday to Friday, business meetings were held, being interspersed with a singing contest, drills, and other social and recreational activities.

The following, who are mostly Officials, are a few of the visiting throng who have been attending the A. F. and A. M. Conclave in session here the first of the week:

New York City—Inez Wright, Ida Fairfield, E. H. Reid, C. V Reid, C Forte, Josephine C. Thompson, W. C Waiters.

Cleveland—Mrs. Alice Swoope, Jas R. Small, Charles Anderson,

Philadelphia—William S. Cater, Samuel Williams, William Haines Edw. Scott, L. Frederick, A.C. Scott.

Los Angeles—L. P. Lea, Maud Brown, Lillian Wolfskill.

New Jersey—John L. Gordon, Fannie Gordon, George Jackson, Jessie McMillan, Wm. Simmons, John Johnson, Lewis Richardson, Deputy Grand Master. John L. Gordon, Grand Master, Mt. Clair, Rufus Williams, Cleveland, John Smith and wife, New York B. W. Williams, Miss. Hon. Butler R Wilson and Ruth R. Wilson of Boston

Michigan—Mrs. Willie M. Johnson Mrs. Florence Anderson, Mrs. A R Peck, Mrs. Anna Span. J. S. Heilig of Chicago, Lelia Atkins of Jacksonville, Fla.

Washington—Wm. Wood, Sadie B. Huff, Sarah Stoops, Rosetta G. Mason A. Oglesby, Ruth Meadows, Grace Paige, Ada Matthews, Philip A. Parham.

Pa.—Charles Robinson, Attorney, Dr. H. C. Tate, Miss Ethel Prentice Mrs. Florence L. Lewis, R. L. Jenkins Bertha Packer, Tempa Burton, M. B Mayo

Shriners Reelect Caesar R. Blake

Argus
8-8-30

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Aug. 7 — Four thousand Desert Sons of the Ancient, Egyptian, Arabic Order, Nobles of Mystic Shrine of North and South America, gathered here Tuesday, August 5, for a three-day national convention and the meeting was held at the city armory auditorium.

St Louis, Mo

Shriers from all over the United States were present.

The Charlotte Chamber of Commerce (white) assisted in making the arrangements for the gathering, and had the business section of the city decorated for the occasion. Local Shriners decorated the Second Ward section of the city, where most of the visiting delegates and visitors were quartered.

A high spot in the three-day program was the parade on Wednesday. Following this competitive drills were judged at the armory-auditorium, and prizes totaling $1,000 were awarded the winning teams.

At the same time that the Shrine proper was in session at the armory-auditorium, the Shrine auxiliary of the United States held sessions at the Second Ward school.

Among those here for the occasion was Oscar DePriest, congressman from Chicago, who is a charter member of the Chicago temple No. 144. His visit had no political significance whatever.

All sessions were held in the elaborately decorated armory-auditorium. Several special trains brought delegates and visitors to the city.

Medinah Temple No 39 of St. Louis, Mo., was represented by I. H. Bradbury, assistant raban of the Imperial Divan of Shriners, and attache of the U. S. Internal Revenue department at St. Louis.

Caesar R. Blake, Jr., of this city, was re-elected imperial potentate of the order today.

4,000 Shriners Meet in North Carolina

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Aug. 8. —The Shriners of America gathered here Tuesday, Aug. 5, for a three-day national convention and the meeting was held at the city armory auditorium.

Defender

Shriners from all over the United States were present and approximately 4,000 were in attendance.

The Charlotte chamber of commerce (white) assisted in making the arrangements for the gathering, and had the business section of the city decorated for the occasion. Local Shriners decorated the Second Ward section of the city, where most of the visiting delegates and visitors were quartered.

8-9-30

A high spot in the three-day program was the parade on Wednesday. Following this competitive drills were judged at the armory-auditorium, and prizes totaling $1,000 were awarded to winning teams.

At the same time that the Shrine proper was in session at the armory-auditorium, the Shrine auxiliary of the United States held sessions at the Second Ward school.

Among those here for the occasion was Oscar DePriest, congressman from Chicago, who is a charter member of the Chicago temple No. 1. His visit had no political significance whatever.

All sessions were held in the elaborately decorated armory-auditorium. Several special trains brought delegates and visitors to the city.

Negro Shriners Grand Lodge Held in Charlotte Is Largely Attended

Charlotte, N. C.—The thirty-first annual session of Imperial Council A. E. A. O. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America and Jurisdiction held its morning session in the city armory. The 21st annual session of Imperial Grand Court Daughters of Isis was also begun at this opening session. Imperial Potentate Caesar R. Blake, of this city, was master of ceremonies. In behalf of the City of Charlotte, Mr. R. W. Rigsbee, city manager, extended a welcome to the visiting delegation. J. W. Dobbs, of Atlanta, said in response that he was glad the city manager came instead of being represented by proxy, as is usually the case. Hon. Clarence O. Kuester, manager of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, extended a welcome on behalf of the chamber of commerce. Attorney Jas. E. White, of Chicago, responded to Mr. Kuester's address. Mr. W. J. Trent, president of Livingstone College of Salisbury, N. C., extended a welcome on behalf of education in the state. Mrs. Mary McCrorey, of J. C. Smith University, responded, and stated that the ladies of Rameses Court appreciated the privilege to act as hostess. Mrs. Campbell, of New York, responded for the visiting daughters. Dr. E. E. Blackmon welcomed the visitors in behalf of the medical profession of the state, and response was made by Dr. A. W. Brazier, of New Orleans, La. Welcome on behalf of the business men of the state was made by W. P. Robinson, and response was made by C. C. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Life Insurance Co., of Durham, N. C.

Preceding the big parade, the delegates were served a barbecue luncheon. The parade was viewed by thousands who lined the streets of the "Queen City." It was over a mile in length and was composed of numerous patrols, bands and drum and bugle corps.

The arrival of Congressman Oscar DePries was the signal for an outburst of applause from the thousands in the audience.

The Imperial Council voted to go into the election of officers, with the following results: Caesar R. Blake, Jr., of Charlotte, N. C., unanimously re-elected Imperial Potentate; Harry Knight, of Philadelphia, Pa., Deputy Imperial Potentate; I. H. Bradbury, St. Louis, Mo., Imperial Chief Rabban; J. R. Williams, Pittsburgh, Pa., High Priest and Prophet; Stewart C. Jefferson, Chicago, Ill., Oriental Guide; Isaac M. Carper, Charleston, W. Va., First Ceremony Master; S. S. Richardson, Daytona, Fla., Second Ceremony Master; Raymond King, Evansville, Ind., Captain of Guard; Charles D. Freeman, Washington, D. C., Imperial Treasurer; Frank W. Brown, Cincinnati, Ohio, Outer Guard; Thomas H. Williams, Jersey City, N. J., Recorder.

The Imperial Council was called to order Thursday morning at 9 a. m. by the Imperial Potentate, Noble Caesar R. Blake, Jr.

Nobles Harry A. Knight, Deputy Imperial Potentate, and Chas. D. Freeman, Imperial Treasurer, were presented wateches as an appreciation of their service to the Imperial Council. A very handsome jewel was presented to the Imperial Potentate on behalf of the Imperial Council as an expression of confidence of the Imperial Council in his integrity and for the yeoman service rendered by him in behalf of the Council.

The meeting adjourned to meet subject to the call of the Imperial Divan.

SHRINERS OPEN 31ST SESSION IN CHARLOTTE

City Manager Welcomes Imperial Council to N. C. Town

BUSINESS KEYNOTE

Potentate Blake Urges Economic Development

By J. H. MURPHY, JR.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—With City Manager R. W. Riggsby handing over the keys of the city, the Thirty-first annual session of the Imperial Council A.E.A.O. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, invaded this prosperous North Carolina city, Tuesday.

At the city armory, where the session was opened, other addresses of welcome were made by the Hon. C. O Kuester, white, of the Chamber of Commerce, Professor W. J. Trent, president of Livingstone College; Daughter Mary McCrorey, of Johnson C. Smith University; Dr. E. E. Blackmon, president Charlotte Medical Association; W. P. Robinson, representing the business men, and Noble D. H. Sansom, Jr., D.D., representing the churches of Charlotte.

Responses were made by Daughter Anna J. Berry, past imperial commandress, Syria Court No. 10, Boston, Mass.; Noble A. W. Brazier, M.D., of Platta Temple No. 15, New Orleans, La.; C. C. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., Durham, N. C., and Bishop W. J. Walls, of Chicago, Ill.

Business Keynote

In his opening address Imperial Potentate Caesar R. Blake stressed business development as the keynote of the session.

"We are meeting in a State," he said, "which has spent one and a quarter million dollars toward the education of Negro youth in one year; a city which properly may be termed the 'Cradle of American Liberty,' having withdrawn from the British government on May 20, 1775, and wrote then what is now known as the 'Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.'

"You are in a city where there is indisputably a harmonious relationship between all races.

"You are in a city where no black or white man will say, 'To hell with the Constitution.'

"Three presidents of this great nation were born in this state: James E. Polk, Andrew Jackson and Andrew Johnson. Certainly this state has contributed something to the thought and development of this great republic.

"During this period of enlightenment the black man cannot consider anything from the angle of what was best for his father and mother, but what is best for the race today. We represent the new Negro, and as such, enlighten the world as to our aims, objects and ambitions. We may fail to accomplish these things during our generation, but the reflex action will certainly come to the benefit of the succeeding generations, and it will mean good and prograss for the race.

"We are living in an age where there is a great competition in business. My foregoing paragraph is based upon this query: Why would a man educate his children and not assist in providing sources of business, whereby they can be employed by our racial group? What does it profit a colored man to accumulate everything in the way of worldly goods, educate his children and then not use some portion of his wealth to provide some form of business that will give employment to his educated children?

"I know of no organization within our racial group that has done more to enhance the aims and objects of Negro organizations than has ours. I am a firm believer in the doctrine that no matter by what name a fraternal organization is called, the objects and aims are identical, since they endeavor to enhance the elevation of black suffering humanity."

Word of the sudden death of the wife of Noble J. C. Boger, potentate of Medji Temple No. 45, at her home in Fort Worth, Texas, was brought to the Imperial Council. A motion to convey to Noble Boger the sympathy of the Imperial Council prevailed.

"Feast of Isis"

At 8 o'clock in the evening, the "Feast of Isis" dance was held in the Armory to the delight of the thousands of delegates and visitors in attendance.

On Wednesday morning the Imperial Council was called to order by the imperial potentate, Noble Caesar R. Blake, Jr., at which time routine business of the council was transacted.

At the same hour the 21st annual session of the Imperial Grand Court, Daughters of Isis, opened in the Second Ward High School by the imperial grand commandress, Daughter Lillie E. Powell, of Jacksonville, Fla. This session was attended by over 400 delegates coming from every section of the country. Reports read at this session indicate the prosperity that the grand and subordinate courts have enjoyed this year, as the result of the improved methods inaugurated.

Preceding the big parade, the delegates were served a barbecue luncheon.

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NEGRO SHRINERS CLOSE SESSIONS

Place of Next Year's National Convention Left in Hands of Officers.

Negro Shriners of America adjourned their 31st annual council meeting in Charlotte yesterday afternoon, leaving to the new officers the task of selecting the place for next year's convention.

The full roster of new officers elected follows: Caesar R. Blake, Jr., of Charlotte, imperial potentate; Harry Knight of Philadelphia, deputy imperial potentate; I. H. Bradbury of St. Louis, imperial chief rabban; A. W. Brazier of New Orleans, assistant rabban; J. R. Williams of Pittsburgh, imperial high priest and prophet; Stewart Jefferson of Chicago, imperial oriental guide; Isaac M. Carper of Charleston, W. Va., imperial first ceremonial master; Thomas H. Williams of Jersey City, recorder; S. S. Richardson of Daytona, imperial second ceremonial master; Raymond King of Evansville, Ind., captain of the guard; Frank W. Brown of Cincinnati, outer guard; Charles G. Freeman of Washington, treasurer.

The first three officers were elected Wednesday, the others having been chosen yesterday. Caesar Blake was presented with the past imperial potentate's jewel, after his re-election to the highest office in the order. Watches were given the treasurer and deputy imperial potentatt.

Prizes amounting to $1,500 were awarded to the patrols winning in the competitive drills staged at the Armory-Auditorium, where the council sessions were held.

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Mosaic Templars of America

N. CAROLINA OUSTS MOSAIC TEMPLARS

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 21.—The license of the Mosaic Templars of America, a national fraternal order with headquarters at Little Rock, Ark., has been canceled as far as North Carolina is concerned because the order has failed to pay claims promptly in this state, Dan C. Booney, insurance commissioner, announced on Feb. 12.

MOSAIC TEMPLARS WANT MEETING—ALABAMA WANTS AUTONOMY

The mind of National Grand Master Scipio A. Jones must not have been made up on Birmingham as the place of meeting of Mosaic Templars on July 15. There may have been good reasons for denying the request, but if there are no reasons at all, that has nothing to do with the meeting.

We judge from what is now going the rounds that the order promulgating the Mosaic Templar Grand Lodge meeting in the Alabama city was made as a political gesture, the meaning of which may not be unfolded until the meeting convenes.

The fact that the city auditorium is not available as a forum for a speaking engagement for Congressman DePriest during the week has nothing to do with the meeting of the Mosaic Templars. Congressman DePriest may be a member and a delegate, but as such that does not entitle the order to anything that it would not be otherwise entitled to, and a public address from him would have absolutely no connection with the order's affairs.

It is a poorly advised decision to change the meeting on account of the refusal of the auditorium for an outside affair running concurrent with grand lodge meeting.

And pray name to us any advantage that Little Rock, Ark., the proposed substitute, has over Birmingham in respect to racial feeling, accommodations or hospitality. It is too clearly shown in the selection of Little Rock over Birmingham that the reason for the proposed change has its genesis in something else quite foreign to racial attitudes. Alabama is the strongest single state jurisdiction in the order and the fact that it has recently decided that autonomy is the only means of self-defense through which it can be spared the fate that threatens the entire national jurisdiction may account for the desire to change the meeting place to one that is certain of opposite sympathies.

Alabama wants autonomy. The salvation of the order in the state depends on that. It cannot go much further without it. It has been too clearly pointed out by the trend of events in the past few years that Alabama is giving more to the national grand lodge than she gets back in any form and that without Alabama there would be the serious question of operating on the present basis.

The Mosaic Templars is a very heavily officered fraternal order that in the past few years has instituted a policy of retrenchment. Perhaps, the retrenchment has not yet gone far enough. Under any circumstances, some readjusting or rejuvenating agency must be put into action to recoup its losses in membership and prestige.

The Mosaic Templars of Alabama want autonomy. We do not know what Grand Master Jones thinks about this attitude of the administration, but we do know that any effort to offset the ambitions of Alabama in this respect by political plotting and unfair methods can prove disastrous.

There is a strong protest against any effort to change the meeting and State Grand Master Powell has expressed the state's attitude to the national officrs in unmistakable terms.

It is understood that the same policy that has existed in years past cannot continue with Alabama's support. That would be suicidal and Grand Master Scipio A. Jones might as well make up his mind that the more gracefully and harmoniously the change can come, the better. If he persists to abrogate the order to come to Birmingham on an excuse so frivolous and places the responsibility for it on the committee he must take the responsibility for what happens and expect other orders in regard to the flow of revenue from Alabama into the national coffers to be abrogated likewise. If Mr. Jones has not made up his mind on a change of policy for this jurisdiction, we think it is only fair that he should know the jurisdiction has gone him one better and made up its mind on this change and any movement to the contrary will meet with rough sledding in the finals.

Alabama wants autonomy, self-government, with respect to the financial benefits derived by its members from the revenue collected in the State.

The order's obligations to its membership will be better protected by this means and the responsibility for all deficiencies will be brought nearer.

This will furnish the lever power for reconstructing the fortunes of the order in the state and bring it back to its old form.

Let it be understood that the Alabama Mosaic Templars want autonomy. We must control our finances.

STRONG EFFORT MADE TO BLOCK NAT'L MOSAIC TEMPLARS FROM COMING TO BIRMINGHAM

Because of the announcement by Commissioner J. M. Jones that if Congressman Oscar DePriest comes to Birmingham for a speaking engagement he would not speak in the Municipal Auditorium, from the office of the National Grand Secretary of the Mosaic Templars of America, Little Rock, Ark., which is believed to be the voice of National Grand Master Scipio A. Jones, is a strong letter requesting the national committee to resent this action, and directs this committee to protest the same to the National Grand Master with a request that the national meeting be removed from Birmingham, and be held in the City of Little Rock, Ark.

This letter on the part of Mr. R. L. Reynolds has brought vehement protest from most every section of the country, and with the organization under the shadow of an almost complete collapse, it seems that if Mr. Jones insists on moving the meeting from an Alabama city for the frivolousness expressed in Mr. Reynold's letter something serious may follow. The committee has also been advised in a very strong letter from Grand Master Powell of the State of Alabama, and Mr. C. W. Lee, State Burial Secretary of Alabama, and by Rev. J. Pious Barbour, State Grand Lecturer of Alabama.

A very pertinent paragraph in Grand Master Powell's letter to the National Committee makes substantially the following statement:

"It is true that the president of the City Commission denied the use of the auditorium on the occasion of Mr. DePriest's address. The auditorium is in the heart of a white business section of the city; we would likely be denied the use of such building for such an occasion in any southern city. Mr. J. Thomas Heflin, Senior Senator from this State, was denied the use of the auditorium in Montgomery to give a public address during the campaign in 1928. He had to use a baseball park. So it is no particular group insult to meet with denial under these conditions. Alabama is now, and will be for some time in the grip of one of the hottest political campaigns in its history, and white citizens as well as colored seem to think that Mr. DePriest, to speak in the auditorium which is controlled by white, will give opportunities for warring factions to make capital of it, and stir up political unrest in an otherwise peaceful community.

"There is no racial feeling in Birmingham, not near so much as might be found in Little Rock. You recall what happened there in 1928 when a Negro body was burned in front of the Mosaic Temple, and several of the officials were asked to leave town and they left to return much later. It can be said that this has never happened in Birmingham."

It would appear that regardless of the circumstances the National Grand Lodge of Mosaic Templars could meet in Birmingham, as decided sometime ago. It is not imperative upon the assembling of the Grand Lodge in Birmingham that Mr. DePriest be here either at the auditorium or anywhere else, and the Grand Lodge coming to Birmingham is not contingent upon his appearance, but his appearance is contingent upon the Grand Lodge coming.

Mr. DePriest is a member of the Order, and if he is the statesman that he should be, he would join his race here at Birmingham, and at such place as they could properly entertain him. In the meantime, it must be understood that the colored citizens have not been consulted in this matter, and the arrangements were made without regard to the advice of the authority in Alabama. The impression should not go forward it is argued, that there is any effort on the part of the commissioner to prevent Congressman DePriest from speaking in Birmingham, and serving the Mosaic Templars of which he is a part, both as a member of the Order, and a member of the Negro race.

Negro Organization Is In Hands Of Receiver

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., July 19.—(AP)—The Mosaic Templars of America, negro lodge with headquarters here, was placed in the hands of a receiver in Circuit Court today upon the petition of the State Attorney General.

The State Insaurance Commissioner had certified to the Attorney General that the organization was insolvent. Scipio A. Jones, negro attorney and national grand master of the lodge, was named receiver. It was said that death claims of between $300,000 and $400,000 were outstanding. The lodge is said to have real estate in Little Rock and Montgomery valued at $700,000.

Mosaic Templars Ask For Receiver

Move Made To Protect Interest of Members—Judge Scipio A. Jones Named By Court

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., July 24.—Following close on the closing of the National Grand Lodge meeting of the Mosaic Templars of America, developments were such as to cause the national officials of the order to voluntarily ask the court to appoint a receiver to administer the affairs of the order. The court granted the prayer of the officials and promptly appointed Judge S. A. Jones, who has been serving as national grand master of the organization, as receiver for the order.

This action on the part of the court was assurance of the confidence of the court and officials of the insurance department of the ability of Judge Jones to administer the affairs of the order to the best interest of the membership. In the appointment of the receiver it is not contemplated that there will be any effort to wind up the affairs of the order, but that it will make it easier to conduct future operations in a way that the officials of the order will not be handicapped by certain opposing or unfriendly interests that had brought suit that would at least arrest, for a while, the operation of the order.

Judge Jones said that while there was a heavy outstanding indebtedness against the order, there were sufficient assets to protect the same, but that these assets were of such nature, if forced to convert into cash, that this could not be done at the present without suffering heavy losses.

Satisfaction was generally expressed in the action of the court in appointing Judge Jones as receiver, and this action was hailed as the best thing that could be done under present conditions to continue to hold the confidence and support of the membership and restore the order to solvency.

Judge Jones has not had time to make detailed statement of plans for operation, but is convinced that the order will be preserved with the support of the members and the officials and that the greatest element that will prevent the restoration of the order to its former strength will be that the members would become apathetic and not yield hearty support.

MOSAIC TEMPLARS ARE RE-ORGANIZED

Judge Scipio A. Jones, national grand master of the Mosaic Templars of America, who was appointed receiver on July 19, 1930, announces that plans of re-organization have been completed and that the most modern fraternal insurance society among our group will supercede the former organization. The assets of the old organization will be used in liquidating all outstanding claims which amount to approximately $300,000. The liabilities are, however, fully protected by the assets which are sufficient to liquidate, but as most of the assets consist of real estate, there will be some delay because of the depression in the real estate market at the present time. In order to protect the thousand of living members, the Modern Order of Mosaic Templars of America has been organized as the most modern and popular fraternal insurance society operated for the benefit of our group. The money paid by the living members will be used to pay their claims when they come due and not to pay any of the back claims. Thus the new orgnaization will be in position to pay all claims as soon as death proof is furnished.

Heretofore, the field of activity and scope of service of our fraternal insurance societies have been limited and as a result, the fraternal insurance societies have not rendered the kind of service that the living members desire. Therefore, the Modern Order of Mosaic Templars of America has evolved a scheme of organization that will build the largest and most influential fraternal insurance society among Negroes in the entire world, one that will play an important part in the fraternal, economic and social life of our people.

To render a greater, better and more useful service to living members, the order offers to its members not only a death benefit, but a monument, burial benefit, old age benefit, flood relief, special accident benefit, double indemnity while traveling, reserve and cash value on policies.

Educational and Humanitarian Benefits Given Free.

In addition to the benefits already stated, the Modern Order of Mosaic Templars of America offers to its members, an educational fund for the junior members of the order, an old folks' home for the aged, destitute and decrepid members, an orphans' home for the children of deceased members, an employment and unemployment service bureau to aid members in keeping jobs as well as getting jobs, a free hospital and free sanitarium in Phoenix, Ariz., in charge of a specialist.

Social or Honorary Membership Offered.

An outstanding feature of the Modern Order of Mosaic Templars of America is the offering of social or honorary memberships to those who do not wish to carry the insurance and to those who are not of insurable age. The doors, therefore, are opened to all, regradless of age, to become members and to avail themselves of the same privileges and benefits offered the regular members. There are thousands of our group who wish to become members because of sentimental reasons, a large number of whom would probably be beyond the insurable age. The offering of social or honorary memberships will make it possible for them to affiliate with a society that has achieved a national reputation for the exemplification of the principles of fraternalism by its members toward one another.

Mosaics Get New Charter in Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK, Oct. 5.—The reorganization of the Mosaic Templars of America under the leadership of Judge Scipio Jones, who was appointed receiver for the association July 19, reached the stage nearing completion last week when the state of Arkansas granted a charter to the Modern Mosaic Templars of America to operate under the fraternal insurance laws of the state.

Judge Jones, who has been working hard on the plan to reorganize this association since he became the receiver for it, has succeeded in bringing the order back into the prestige it once held in the field of insurance, according to those who have watched its struggles.

In spite of the heavy indebtedness of the society there are sufficient assets to take care of all liabilities, its officials have announced, and these will be paid as soon as liquidation of the properties can be effected. Since so large a proportion of the lodge's investments are in real estate it will require some time before a complete liquidation can be brought about because of the depression in the real estate field. Approximately $300,000 in claims are outstanding against the Templars, Judge Jones admits, but these will be taken care of as rapidly as the moneys are realized from the properties, which amount to much more than this.

A new feature of the reorganization will be the offering of memberships to men and women who are above the insurance age. These will be taken care of in a social or honorary membership and will make possible the admission into the order many persons who would like to join but who heretofore have been kept out by age or infirmities.

Officers of the order include, besides Judge Jones, J. W. Goodgame, R. L. Reynolds, B. G. Clanton, J. H. McConico, A. C. Logan, B. D. Henderson, Wash Jordan, C. C. Bell, J. C. Thornton, M. R. Perry, F. A. Young and Mrs. Alice Fowlkes. The headquarters are in Little Rock.

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Odd Fellows

Its Members Die Too Fast For Lodge To Pay Benefits

Norfolk Journal & Guide
8-30-30

N. C. Odd Fellows Order Taken Over By State

Norfolk, Va

Staff Correspondence

RALEIGH, N. C.—An increasing lack of younger members, present inadequate rates, and the fact that its members die faster than money is collected were given here this week as three main reasons why the North Carolina Insurance Department had to take over the office and assets of the District Grand Lodge No. 7 of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America, Inc., a fraternal benefit society, at Nashville, N. C., under an order signed last Friday by Resident Judge W. C. Harris, naming the State Insurance Commissioner, Dan C. Boney, as temporary receiver.

Mr. Boney, in an exclusive interview with the Journal and Guide representative, after pointing out the lack of younger members, further alleged that while gross assets of the order would show that it was solvent, its liquid assets were insufficient to meet claims and that continuance of the organization represented a failure to carry out provisions of its charter and the statutes of the state. The grand endowment secretary of the organization, P. B. Richardson, of Nashville, admits that the present rates are inadequate and that members have died faster than money was collected. At the 1929 meeting 351 death claims were on file aggregating $135,000, or $22,926.94 more than the assets paid by members, according to his report. On June 14 of this year, he announced accumulated death claims of $60,000.

Order 27 Years Old

The organization, it is set forth, started in this state in 1903, maintaining an endowment department paying small benefits, and that on July 30, 1926, it was incorporated in North Carolina as a fraternal benefit society with its principal offices in Nashville. Dr. C. S. Brown, of Winton, was grand master.

The insurance commissioner ordered rates raised upon penalty of non-renewal of license last April. This was not done, according to him, and a show-cause hearing was held before the Attorney General, at which time the officials of the order promised action at the annual meeting in Henderson on August 12, 1930. No action was taken at this meeting on a scale rate submitted by a representative of Commissioner Boney, and the receivership proceeded in Wake County Superior Court against the district lodge resulted.

Officers of the organization are: J. H. Johnson, Salisbury, grand master; E. W. Pearson, Asheville, deputy grand master; J. T. Lamb, Elizabeth City, treasurer; John A. Bloom, Winston-Salem, grand secretary; and P. B. Richardson, Nashville, grand endowment secretary.

Grand Master Johnson, Grand Secretary Bloom, Assistant Grand Secretary P. B. Richardson, jr., and Attorney C. F. Rich, of Rocky Mount, were in the city Monday to further confer with Commissioner Boney. After the conference P. B. Richardson expressed himself as quite hopeful that the receivership would not be made permanent. Through him it was learned that the administration of the order did suggest the issuance of $100 certificates, then having a savings fund to bring it up to $400. This proposal seems to have been rejected at the Henderson meeting by the representatives of Commissioner Boney.

It is felt by members of the organization that Commissioner Boney's rates are drastic and will prove an unwarranted hardship upon scores of old members whose age will cause their benefits to be cut from $400 to $100.

ED. MORRIS AGAIN HEADS ODD FELLOWS

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 25—(CNS)—The twenty-fifth National Convention of the Biennial Moveable Committee of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows which met here last week re-elected Edward H. Morris of Chicago, as grand master for the twentieth time.

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The next meeting will be held in Washington in September, 1932.

ODD FELLOWS ELECT ED. MORRIS

Savannah Tribune
Savannah, Ga.

Delegates From Nearly All States Present

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 22—One of the most successful sessions in the history of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, closed here last Friday. Delegates from nearly all the states in the union were present, as well as some from Canda and Hawaii.

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All general officers of the order were reelected, Grand Master Edward H. Morris of Chicago, had no opposition. Mrs. L. Hughes of Texas, was continued as Most Worthy Grand Superior of the Household of Ruth. Major General R. T. Stewart was reappointed by the grand master.

The parade on Thursday, while not as long as previously, was one of the finest seen in the city. The line of march was short, but about an hour and a half was required for it to pass a given point.

Philly Team Wins

The parade ended at the baseball park where the various drill teams competed. First prize of $500 was won by a team from Philadelphia. The second prize of $250 was won by Philadelphia. Alexandria, Va., won the third prize of $200.

Washington Lodge No. 18 won the $100 prize for having the largest number in attendance. Louisville, Ky., won the $100 prize for having the largest number present from the greatest distant

NEGRO ODD FELLOWS MOVE MONEY FROM BANK

The Houston Defender has been informed that the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, which has large sums of money on deposit with several white banks in Houston and two or three other Texas cities, has withdrawn the order's funds from a local white banking institution which is said to be unfriendly to the Negro race.

Houston, Texas

This was the manly and sensible thing to do, for no Negro organization should place the people's money in any bank which will not regard and treat Negroes with the same courtesy and consideration given other customers of the institution.

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While it is a fine thing to deposit the order's or organization's money with banks which offer the best financial returns and are safe and sound, the officers of such racial organizations should never lose sight of the race's interests merely to promote and enhance their own personal ends.

Informer

Members of the order and Negroes generally will hail this bit of information with much delight, for the time has arrived when the race must employ its financial strength and economic power along lines calculated to help and improve the race, rather than in "fattening frogs for snakes" and in keeping the Negro in a servile, hat-in-hand and apologetic role.

Self-preservation is the first law of nature and, while The Defender realizes and has sense enough to know that the Negro will commit economic and financial suicide should he attempt to boycott institutions simply because they are not Negroid in ownership or management, moral courage, common sense and the trend of the times suggest that Negroes must bargain collectively if they would make any perceptible gains along definite and positive lines in this country.

Negro leaders must not sell their souls and jeopardize and enslave their followers, either in religious, fraternal, commercial or political circles, just to attain some personal objective; for this is the narrow and selfish policy which has retarded the race's progress and been such a potent factor in causing the masses to lose faith and confidence in and respect for their supposed leaders.

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Order of St. Luke.

EXPERTS OF BOTH RACES TO PROBE THEIR PROBLEMS

Exact Date Is Not Announced For Meeting

RICHMOND, Va.—Extensive plans are being made here for entertainment of the Federation of Negro Fraternals, which will hold its second meeting in this city soon.

No exact date, however, has been announced as yet.

The date will be set by Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, grand secretary-treasurer of the St. Luke Order. This order will be host to the convention.

Mrs. Walker has just returned from a trip to the far South.

The purpose of the meeting is primarily for the establishment of a permanent organization. A temporary organization answered the call sent out by Attorney R. McCants Andrews, Durham, N. C.

At this meeting in Washington, the problems faced by the organizations were discussed and at the Richmond meeting these discussions will be elaborated on and perhaps solved by many experts of both races, who will attend.

St. Joseph Aid Society

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St. Josephs Hold Meeting

Future

Waycross Entertains Order Royally

8-26-30

SOCIETY IN FINE SHAPE

Savannah, Ga

Rev. B. S. Hannah Again Heads Order

Rev. B. S. Hannah

Waycross, Ga., August 26—The Grand Lodge of the St. Joseph Aid Society of the State of Georgia met in its 30th annual session here at Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church, Rev. Frank Moore, pastor, August 19th-21st. It was the most successful session held in a number of years, notwithstanding the trying times now on. The attendance was not as large as usual but the financial showing was nearly a thousand dollars above the previous years' report. The Waycross session was named the record breaker.

Rev. B. S. Hannah, the grand chief, who has been at the head for a quarter of a century, was commended for his able leadership led on by his able staff of officers that he is surrounded by a few of whom have been with him in office since the beginning of his administration.

The preliminaries were held on Tuesday afternoon and Tuesday night a very large audience assembled to witness the welcome program that was pulled off, the following taking a part in the same. Prayer by Rev. W. C. Hannah: solo, Mrs. Wilson: welcome on behalf of the city, Col. Jerome Crawley: response by Col. J. G. Lemon, grand attorney of the order: welcome for Mt. Zion Church, Mrs. Nora Alford: welcome for all the Churches, Dr. H. C. Scarlett: welcome for the Business League, Mr. Jefferson: welcome on behalf of the insurance men, W. H. Johnson: welcome on behalf of the S. J. A. Society, Rev. J. W. Bennett: welcome on behalf of the Fraternal Organizations of Waycross, Hon. T. C. Williams: welcome for the Ministers' Union, Rev. C. B. Holloway: response, John Byrd of Brunswick: remarks by Grand Chief B. S. Hannah.

The annual address of Grand Chief B. S. Hannah on Wednesday morning was a gem: reports by the following officers measured up to a high standard, E. W. Pope, Grand Secretary: Dr. E. M. Pinkney, Grand Medical Examiner: J. G. Lemon, Grand Attorney: John Byrd, Grand Treasurer: Rev. Wm. Lockwood, Grand Vice Chief: Deputies M. Binyard, F. Hawkins and H. Bryant: auditors, Rev. W. O. P. Sherman, Nathan Roberts and Charles Wilder.

Wednesday night another large audience came out and enjoyed the symposium by the following speakers: Enoch Morris, master of ceremonies. Opening remarks, Rev. Wm. Lockwood, Vice Chief: some of The Joes Past History," H. Bryant: "What the Women Think of the S. J. A.," Sis. M. Binyard: "The Present Condition of The S. J. A." E. W. Pope: "What Society Means To Our Race," Miss N. E. Hannah: "Three Reasons Why The S. J. A Should Have the Cooperation of Our People," Rev. W. O. P. Sherman, D. D.: "Why We Love The S. J. A.," Mrs. F. Hawkins: "The Future of The S. J. A." Col. J. G. Lemon: closing remarks, Chief B. S. Hannah.

Dr. E. M. Pinkney gave a splendid health talk to the order each day during the session. Mt. Zion choir rendered sweet music. Thursday at high noon, Rev. W. H. Jenkins of Ocilla delivered a very solemn memorial sermon that had to do with the eulogy on the passing of the twenty odd who had crossed the river of death since the last session of the grand lodge.

The grand lodge decided by vote to hold the sessions the first Tuesday in Sept. instead of August, next session being voted to be held at Screven, Ga., on invitation of Mrs. Carrie Williams the deputy of the Screven territory, the vote being unanimous.

The grand lodge went on record as favoring the building a headquarters either at Valdosta, Waycross or Savannah in the near future. The grand lodge has a membership of ten thousand with several juvenile lodges and more money collected than paid out each month, with a substantial balance on hand: all claims being paid to date. The remarkable thing about the order is the small salaries paid to the officers in order to add to the endowment fund which is growing. Rev. J. S. Downs, D. D., the pastor of Thomas Chapel Church, Thomasville, Ga., delivered a swell gospel message to the audience that came out to the Thursday night, closing scenes of the grand lodge.

The following officers were elected to serve 1930-1931:

Rev. B. S. Hannah, Grand chief, Savannah, Ga.

Rev. Wm. Lockwood, Grand Vice Chief, Waynesville, Ga.

E. W. Pope, Savannah, Grand Financial Secretary.

Mrs. Bell James, Brunswick, Grand Recording Secretary.

Dr. E. M. Pinkney, Savannah, Grand Medical Registrar.

John Byrd, Brunswick, Ga. Grand Treasurer.

Lawyer J. G. Lemon, Savannah, Ga., Grand Attorney.

Rev. W. H. Jenkins, Ocilla, Grand Worthy Prophet.

R. F. Atkinson, Sterling, Ga., Grand Marshall.

Dr. J. S. Downs, Thomasville, Ga., Grand Chaplain.

Auditors, Rev. W. O. P. Sherman, Nathan Roberts, Mrs. Fiora Hawkins, Savannah, Ga.

Executive Board, Rev. R. L. Heard, H. Bryant, W. H. Jenkins, B. S. Hannah and E. W. Pope.

The following who attended the Supreme Lodge at Florence, S. C., the early part of August rendered their reports and were given a vote of thanks. Dr. B. S. Hannah, E. W. Pope, M. Binyard and John Byrd. The officers were installed in solemn form by Rev. W. H. Jenkins, the Grand Chaplain, "God Be With you 'Till We Meet Again" [illegible] closing.

Supreme Tabernacle Order of Gallilean Fishermen.

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SUPREME ORDER OF FISHERMEN CLOSES SESSION

Journal & Guide
8-2-30
Norfolk, Va

74th Annual Convention Here Very Well Attended

More than one hundred and fifty delegates attended the 74th annual session of the Supreme Tabernacle Order of Gallilean Fishermen which closed Wednesday morning at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, Brambleton Ave. and Pulaski St.

The following officers were elected Wednesday for the ensuing year:

J. P. Evans, Balitmore, supreme ruler; George Brooks, Washington, D. C., supreme deputy ruler; George Hunter, Pennsylvania, supreme associate ruler; James B. Lee, Washington, D. C., financial secretary; Josiah Henry, Maryland, treasurer; Medora Clark, Virginia, conductress; William J. Kemp, Norfolk, orator; E. J. Woodard, West Virginia, chaplain; James Ross, marshall; Fannie Williams, inside guard; Jesse E. S. Towns, Alexander, Va., outside guard.

Trustees: J. P. Evans, Robert Briscoe, Marietta Stewart, M. L. Lee, Frederick Howard, J. McC. Dorsey, J. F. Henry, J. B. Lee, J. S. Patterson, W. Gabriel, J. M. Corsey, Mary M. Morris.

Wilmington, Delaware, was chosen as the next place of meeting.

There are delegates from all of the Seaboard states and many from the Midwest. The Washington delegation came in a large bus equipped with lavatory and other conveniences.

I. W. H. Guy is general chairman of all committee, which are as follows:

PROGRAM—Wm. J. Kemp, Lilly Walker, Esther E. A. White, Medora Clark, Julia Lamb, Bertha Whitehead, Blanch Norris.

CHURCH—Maggie Mercer, Mary Simmons, Jennie Ghee.

TRAINS AND BOATS—J. S. Patterson, Thos. Hamlin.

HOMES—Medora Clark, Nancy Cheatam, Wm. J. Kemp,, Mattie Morris, Lily Davis, Lily Walker.

RECEPTION—Mary Savage, Janie Walton, Wm. J. Kemp, Esther E. A. White.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—D. T. Archer, I. W. H. Guy, Julia Lamb, Jacob Jarvis, Medora Clark, Maggie Mercer, Bertha Whitehead, Wm. J. Kemp, Joseph Moore.

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United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten.

U. B. F.-S. M. T. ORDER FACES CRISIS

When the grand lodge of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten, Texas jurisdiction, meets at Waco Saturday, May 3, in a special called session, the representatives should act very deliberately, intelligently and courageously upon the matters which will engross their attention at said parley.

While The Informer has not sought to be obstructive or destructive in its editorial attitude anent this racial fraternity (readers will remember our position last summer when the grand lodge refused to elect a grand secretary at Beaumont), this paper had hoped and still hopes that the affairs of the order can be arranged and adjusted so as to prevent a debacle. Informer

One of the few secret orders of Negro origin and with a rich past, The Informer has been pained to observe the decline in members and resultant shrinkage of mortuary funds in Texas, to say nothing of the utter collapse of this fraternity in two neighboring states. 4-26-30

At a time when most of the Negro orders in this state are enjoying their most pronounced period of prosperity, growth and expansion, it is unfortunate, if not tragic, that the United Brothers of Friendship should be facing the most crucial stage in the order's career in this jurisdiction.

There are several contributory causes and it is absurd and preposterous to attempt to place the blame for the order's present dilemma upon one man; for if one man is responsible for the present plight of the fraternity, from what source did he get his authority to act? Houston, Texas

What is worse than a decline in collections and a falling away of members, is the fact that the morale of the present membership is at low ebb; and no order or organization can accomplish much unless an enthusiastic spirit permeates its constituency and the members have a will to work and advance its cause.

The Informer is intensely interested in this Negro order, just like we are in all organizations which are performing a distinct and definite service to the race and society, and this editorial is inspired only by a burning desire to see this fraternal barque steer clear of the quicksand, submereged shoals and impending danger and disaster.

The grand lodge and grand temple officers and delegates should go to Waco next month determined to act for the best interests of the order, rather than for any individual or bloc; and adopt such steps that will save the order and restore it to the high place it formerly occupied throughout Texas.

This can only be done by facing the issues as men and women and taking definite and positive action, whether such action means a change in leadership, or reduction of salaries, or disposing of some of the frozen assets of the order.

The Informer does not mean to infer that this order is insolvent or about to go into hands of a receiver; and there is no immediate cause for alarm along this line,unless the Waco meeting should fail to enact such measures as are imperative for the fraternity's protection and perpetuity.

UNITED BROTHERS OF FRIENDSHIP TO HOLD BIG MEETING

Informer

Louisville, Ky.—(ANP)—Local arrangements are about completed for the twenty-first triennial session of the national grand lodge United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of Mysterious Ten, which convenes here July 14 to 18. 7-5-30

This order, founded in 1861, claims to be the oldest fraternal order in the world conceived and organized entirely by colored men. Outside of the United States it has about 300 lodges in Liberia and Nigeria, West Coast Africa.

W. F. Bledsoe, Marshall, Texas, is the national grand master, and H. C. Russell of this city is the national secretary.

H. C. Russell Elected National Grand Master U. B. F. And S. M. T.'s At Meet

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., August 1.—(ANP)—The United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten, have closed a very successful national gathering in this city, the birthplace of the order, 69 years ago. While crowds were not as large as in past years, yet there was great enthusiasm manifested by the delegates who came from many distant states. Texas sent the largest delegation. Indianapolis Recorder

Quinn Chapel Headquarters

Monday evening marked the opening session at Quinn chapel A. M. E. church, where Secretary H. C. Russell served as master of ceremonies. Governor Flem Samson in his usual characteristic style tendered a hearty welcome to the visiting delegates. Among the many things that Governor Samson said was that he apologizes to the race for the treatment by his race of the colored race during days of slavery. The mayor of Louisville was out of the city. He sent his secretary to welcome the delegates on behalf of Louisville. Addresses of welcome were also delivered by repersentative citizens. Response was given by Prof. Rhodes who is president of Bishop college, Texas. 8-2-30 Louisville Leader

Africa Sends Delegates

Delegates came from Indiana, Missouri, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Alabama, Liberia, West Coast of Africa, Tennessee, Louisiana, Kansas, Texas, Minnesota, Ohio, California and Kentucky.

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The next sessions of the organization will be in the State of Texas. The Houston Military band gave special concerts throughout the city. This band was composed of leading Business and Professional Men of Houston, Tex.

Prof. H. C. Russell, who was elected as National Grand Master resides in Louisville and was recently appointed to a government position as assistant educational director, he has been the national grand secretary of the U. B. F. for the past six years. Mr. Joseph R Ray, president of the First Standard bank who had charge of the Military outfits and Mr. Henry Allen, who was the general chairman of the local committees merit great praise for their great work in making the stay of the visitors a pleasant one.

U. B. F. & S. M. T. Orgrs END CONVENTION 8-1-30

H. C. Russell of Louisville Chosen as National Grand Master

St. Louis, Mo.

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Woodmen of Union.

MEMPHIS, TENN.
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HEAD OF NEGRO ORDER IN CONFERENCE HERE

Conference to discuss "strengthening of the economic condition of Memphis negroes" was to be held Thursday afternoon between John L. Webb, Hot Springs, head of the largest negro fraternal order in the world, and prominent Memphis negroes.

"In all probability the organization of a negro bank will be suggested to Webb," Dr. Sutton E. Griggs said.

Webb is supreme custodian of the Woodmen of Union, which has 65,000 members, about 3500 of whom are in Memphis. He also is head of the Century Life Insurance Co., Hot Springs.

"Webb is a product of the old Booker T. Washington school," Dr. Griggs said. "He believes negroes should stay in the South and work out their problems."

Woodmen Of Union Meet In Arkansas

Courier 8-30-30 Pittsburgh Pa.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., Aug. 28—(ANP)—Three thousand delegates, national and state officers, and local representatives of the Woodmen of Union gathered here for the twenty-fifth annual convocation of the order, under the leadership of Dr. C. A. Kendall, supreme president, and John L. Webb, supreme custodian.

The sessions were held daily in the half-million dollar administration building, which was erected through a 10-cents-a-member promotion campaign inaugurated by Mr. Webb.

The white citizens of Hot Springs visited the convention and expressed in glowing terms their conviction that the Woodmen of Union was an enterprise that helped the good name of the city and added to its progress. The mayor of the city expressed the desire to become a member. J. H. Clayborn, editor of the Arkansas News, delivered the principal address on the opening night.

Band contest prizes were won by Shreveport, La.; Crossett, Fort Worth and Dallas, Tex.

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School Fraternities.

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DELTA SIGMA THETA CLOSES ONE OF THE GREATEST MEETS IN HISTORY

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Constructive business sessions and reports from various chapters the country over, which showed marked progress and achievement, brought to a brilliant close, th annual confab of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority here last week. The convention this year was labeled as the greatest held in the history of the sorors. Mrs. Anna J. Thompson, Washington, D. C. matron, was elected as grand president. Other officers are: Jeanette T. Jons, Chicago, grand vice-president; Genevive Shief, Washington, D. C., second grand vice-president; Grace Woodson, secretary; Marian Marsh, treasurer and Sarah Speaks Pelham, journalist.

An unusual spirit of co-operation by the chapters was in evidence throughout the daily sessions, which were held in the Fraternal rooms of the Pythian Temple in Center Avenue. A constructive and comprehensive program was outlined for the coming year which presages another banner season for the sorority.

Pittsburgh warmly received the large delegation, which was the recipient of many social courtesies during the meeting. Practically every section of th country was represented. Local citizens and businessmen gave their unstinted support to the local chapters, Mu and Alpha Epsilon, in putting over a wonderful program. Among the national officers present were Ethel Calimese, Cincinnati, former grand president; Anna J. Thompson, Jeanneatte T. Jons, and Genevieve Shief. Lula Johnson-Howell, president, Alpha Epsilon; Harriet Hall, president, Mu Chapter; Julia B. Jones, Excutive; Marion Nicholas, program; Ida Buchanan, reception; Helen Hayes, registration; Lillian W. Brown, budget; Inez Allen, social; Iolene Clark, housing; Edna Minchion, interfraternal and Rachel Taylor, fellowship tea headed the local committees on arrangements.

Social Activities

Among the outstanding social activities were, the Delta Sigma Theta formal ball at the Pythian Temple; the Delta Patroness Tea at the Y. W. C. A. and the closed Delta dinner. Other brilliant affairs were given by Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega Psi Phi and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternities. An auto party which carried delegates on a sight-seeing tour of the city was another enjoyable feature of the entertainment program. The visiting delegation showed much reluctance in parting after having successful meeting and a dizzy round of social activities.

ARTHUR MITCHELL IS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF PHI BETA SIGMA

New York—Among the high spots of the annual meetin gof the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity held here last week were, the re-election of Arthur W. Mitchell as national president and the interpreting of the relation of the organizatio nto the higher levels of life in America.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson, editor of the Journal of Negro History; Albon L. Holsey, Tuskegee Institute, Raymond Pace Alexander, president of the National Bar Association and Dr. Alaine Locke, Washington, D. C., were among the notable spakers.

In welcoming the delegation to New York City on behhalf of Mayor James J. Walker, who was prevnted from attending on account of illness, Montrose Strasberger said, "I believe in the intangible relation of brotherhood which comes through th education which fraternities such as Phi Beta Sigma seek to promote. I believe that organizations such as yours are the foundation for friendship and understanding. Because this is the greatest city in the world we take pride in welcoming you here."

Dr. Woodson asked the group to study the Negro. He stated that one could not thoroughly appreciate the Negro unless htey first knw something of his background. He continued by adding, "Read Negro newspapers and magazins, for if the white man is to determine what we shall learn then he will also determine what we shall think. Lt us throw off the enslavements of our minds by the white man and by learning something about ourselves be free in mind as well as in body."

Other officers elected were: C. L. Spencer, Flint, Mich., vice president, Northern district; C. V. Troup, Atlanta, vice president, Southern district; Dr. Oma H. Price, New York, national vice president; A. A. Austin, national secretary-treasurer, and A. W. Clark, Tuskegee, editor-in-chief of the Crescent, the official organ of the fraternity.

Alpha Phi Alphas End 22d Conclave to Meet in 1931

ATLANTA, Jan. 10.—Delegates at the 22d annual convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, in session here last week, adopted a several years old proposal to meet every two years.

In accord with the new system, the noted Greek letter organization, the first collegiate fraternity established within the Race will omit the usual national gathering next winter. Instead there will be held regional meetings, comprising chapters of the group located in a specified area.

The next national convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity in December, 1931, will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the organization and will be held at Ithaca, N. Y., the seat of Cornell university, where the fraternity was founded in 1907.

Only four changes were made in the official roster of the fraternity, and they were made to fill vacancies caused by resignation or the election to another office of the then incumbents.

William S. Randolph, a professor at Virginia seminary and college, Lynchburg, Va., was elected to succeed Prof. Robert P. Daniel of Virginia Union university, Richmond, Va., as eastern vice president.

Succeeds Berry

William Warrick Cardozo of Ohio State university was elected western vice president to succeed Theodore M. Berry of the University of Cincinnati.

P. Bernard Young Jr., managing editor of the Norfolk Journal and Guide, was elected editor in chief of The Sphinx, official Alpha organ, to succeed Atty. Oscar C. Brown of Chicago, who was made editor emeritus.

Prof. Robert P. Daniel, former eastern vice president, was elected to the executive council to succeed Prof. Randolph, who had been elected to the eastern vice presidency.

Other national officers, all of whom were re-elected, are: Dr. B. Andrew Rose, Dayton, president; Charles W. Greene, Atlanta, southern vice president; Raymond W. Cannon, Minneapolis, director of education; Joseph H. B. Evans, Atlanta, secretary; Atty. Percival R. Piper, Detroit, treasurer, and Attys. Perry B. Jackson, Cleveland, and Myles A. Paige, New York City, members of the executive council.

Figures announced by the local registration committee indicated that this convention set a new record in point of total delegates and visiting members. Outstanding features of the convnetion included the continuance of the plan to award 10 scholarships annually to deserving students. This year, instead of being awarded exclusively to college students, five of the 10 will go to outstanding high school seniors.

Believing that its educational campaign would produce more effective results by emphasizing newer trends, the fraternity voted to change its program from one interested mainly in sending youths to high school and college, to the adjustment of youth in courses designed to meet the new needs of the modern era.

Special interest was aroused by the one volume history of the fraternity prepared by the well-known writer and historian, Prof. Charles H. Wesley of Howard university and placed on sale for the first time at this convention.

Cups Awarded

Sigma Lambda chapter of New Orleans won both the McGhee and Balfour cups for evidencing the most outstanding chapter activity of the year.

Lavish entertainment by Atlanta and its individuals and organizations rivalled the enteriainment provided by any other host city to the Alphas, is a fact every visitor concedes.

The Kappa Alpha Psi, the Omega Psi Phi, and the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, local chapters, and the local groups of Sigma Gamma Ro, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta and Zeta Phi Beta sororities staged some of the niftiest affairs in local social history.

Although the convention was held at Atlanta, the seat of Eta Lambda, Alpha Pi, Alpha Phi and Alpha Rho chapters, Alpha Nu Lambda chapter of Tuskegee was joint host to the conclave. The pilgrimage on Saturday of last week to the famous Alabama school was an added feature, which included a scheduled meeting that was necessarily postponed because of unforeseen delay in the arrival of the delegates from Atlanta, a novel dance, a sightseeing tour and special services in Tuskegee's famous chapel.

The public meeting in Atlanta Sunday night, Dec. 29, was featured by addresses by Dr. Will W. Alexander, director of the commission on interracial co-operation, and Bishop R. E. Jones of the New Orleans area of the M. E. church.

Touching memorial services were held during the convention for a dead member, the famous A. F. Herndon, founder of the Atlanta Life Insurance company, and liberal benefactor to humanity.

KAPPAS RE-ELECT OFFICERS AT THE DURHAM MEETING

Durham, N. C.—Meeting for the first time on Southern soil, the 19th Annual Conclave, Grand Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi completed here last Tuesday what will remain for many years to come a memorable session in the minds of the delegates who attended. In a four-day session, the grand chapter not alone adopted many progressive measures recommended by its head, A. A. Alexander in his annual address, and by its Grand Keeper of Records, J. Ernest Wilkins, but absorbed a wholesome dose of Southern hospitality administered as only this little Southern business burg can administer it.

Definite decrees were taken at the meeting to more efficiently foster the "Guide Right" movement of the fraternity, and for a more helpful administration of the Scholarship Loan Fund which was revealed to be of considerable proportions, but little used by eligible students.

Election of Officers

On Tuesday, the closing day of the sessions, A. A. Alexander, grand Polemarch, George E. C. Hayes, senior grand vice polemarch, J. Ernest Wilkins, grand keeper of records, and exchequer. and Prof. Geo. F. David, grand historian, Joe Burch, grand strategus and H. R. Jergens, grand lit. strategus were newly elected additions to the official Kappa family. Dr. V. P. Bailey, F. A. Clement, and A. M. Shearin were made board directors.

Throughout the four-day session, Durham alumni chapter, headed by polemarch Dr. J. M. Hubbard, and A. M. Shearin, keeper of records, with associated committees, outdid themselves in the entertainment of their guests staging a veritable whirl of social events. Beginning on Saturday, when the local chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority tendered them a reception, the visitors found their business sessions well alternated with similar social affairs.

Philadelphia Next Year

From the expressions of visitors, the Grand Chapter does not regret its decision to invade the South in its 19th session. The next Annual Conclave is to be held in Philadelphia.

Deltas Boasts Fine Record

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 16—At the recent convention of the Delta Sigma Theta convention in Pittsburgh, the 17-year-old sorority gave splendid evidence of its activities during the past two years.

Iota chapter in Boston reported the award of two scholarships of $100 each to deserving girls in Radcliffe College; Lambda in Chicago reported the annual award of $125 to girls in the University of Chicago, while Zeta and Gamma Sigma chapters in Cincinnati reported having given three scholarships totalling $200, and loans amounting to $300, which were made to needy students on the campus of the University of Cincinnati. Nu Sigma in Los Angeles awarded three scholarships totalling $200, while Epsilon gave a scholarship of $100 to a worthy high school girl graduate and reported the establishment of a two-year scholarship of $300, which will be awarded for the first time this spring. These awards are in addition to the annual scholarship awards from the grand chapter, amounting to about $700, which were awarded last fall to Eulacie Shamberger of Radcliffe College and Viola Arrington of the University of Pennsylvania.

Among the Deltas who received honors during the past year were Oreta Adams of the University of Kansas, who has four prints on exhibition at the World's Art Exhibit in Czecho-Slovakia; Odell Green of the University of Chicago, who won a $1,000 Rosenwald scholarship; Marie Beckett of the University of Pittsburgh, who won a campus oratorical contest; Bernice Hacklin of Talladega, who was graduated summa cum laude last June, and Alpha chapter, which maintained the highest scholarship average for fraternal groups on the Howard University campus.

The convention addressed a letter o President Hoover commending the proposed commission to investigate he Haitian situation and recommending for membership on the commission Mrs. Mary Church Terell, one of the honorary members of the organization, and Mr. Rayord Logan, who has made an exensive study of the situation.

The convention voted to become a ife member of the Society for the Study of Negro Life and History. t contributed $50 to the Inter-Racial Peace Commission, with which Mrs. Alice Dunbar-Nelson is working as executive secretary, and donated $100 to the million dollar endowment campaign of Wilberforce University. Miss Gussie Emanuel of New York City was granted a loan of $500 to enable her to continue her graduate study abroad at the University of Paris. She will sail on Jan. 26.

A national vigilance committee was appointed which will interest itself in the advancement of the race and the welfare of its women by commending or protesting legislation which affects the group and its women. It will deal with political, civic, social and economic problems. Miss Layle Lane of New York City is chairman of this committee.

Mrs. Jeannette Jones of Chicago will serve as chairman of the scholarship committee for the next two years. Other members of the committee are Mrs. Irene Johnson of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Julia Bumry Jones, Pittsburgh; Miss Gladys Jamieson, Petersburg, Va., and Miss Beatrice Pennman of Kansas City.

The newly created judiciary committee is composed of Miss Mayme Diggs, Baltimore; Miss Ernestine Singleton, Ann Arbor; Miss Rowena Muckleroy, Lawrence, Kan.; Miss Althea Chapman, Cincinnati, and Mrs. Edna Johnson Braddock, Gary, Ind.

The members of the constitution committee are Miss Gwendolyn Covington, Chicago, chairman; Mrs. Jennie Baer Shief, Washington; Miss Esther Henderson, Chicago; Miss Edith Brown, Boston; Miss Susie Cowan, Talladega.

OMEGAS ELECT BULLOCK GRAND BASILEUS HERE

18th Annual Conclave Closed Record Three-Day Session.

$5,000 FOR HOME

Scholarships, Monthly Journal are Planned.

Closing their eighteenth annual conclave which officials said was a record one in every important respect, the Omega Psi Phi fraternity unanimously elected Matthew Bullock, Boston attorney, grand basileus, here Monday. Mr. Bullock succeeds Julian McLain of Philadelphia.

Other Officers

Other officers elected were: Ira DeA. Reid, of New York, vice-grand basileus; Walter H. Mazyck, keeper of records and seal; Dr. Daniel Taylor of Philadelphia, grand keeper of finance; and Linwood G. Koger, director of National Negro Achievement Week.

$5,000 for Home

More than $5,000 was reported on hand for the home project being promoted by the organization.

Among important new legislation was the resolution to become a charter member of the Pan Hellenic Council, composed of leading fraternities, for the promotion of better relations among the group. This resolution passed unanimously.

The body also passed resolutions providing for scholarships for deserving students and made plans to promote and publish a monthly journal.

Achievement Week

Declaring that the essay contest had been successful beyond his dreams, Linwood G. Koger, National Director of the Negro Achievement Week, enumerated the following results:

Nine radio programs were broadcast, forty thousand tracts and folders distributed, and programs and concerts held all over the country. He believed that in this manner that fully five million people had been reached.

Essay Contest

Concerning the 378 essays coming in from 212 schools, he said that most of them showed that great effort and care had been exercised. This was in marked contrast to the work offered last year. On recommendation of last year's committee, this year the contest was cooperated in by the English departments of schools and colleges with the improvement suggested.

Co-eds outdid their male rivals by the ratio of 3 to 1. Twenty-seven states were represented. Alabama led in the number of essays offered, while Montgomery State College led other schools in the number submitted.

Prizes Announced

Of the six prizes — three to college students and three to high school scholars — North Carolina will get three. Two of these go to students attending Johnson C. Smith College at Charlotte, N.C.

The winners and their schools follow:

In the Collegiate Division: first prize, $50, to Olivia Sylvester Clark, Va. Theological Seminary, Lynchburg, Va.; second prize, $35, to Moses Belton, Johnson C. Smith College; third prize, $15, to Charles H. Turner, of the last named school.

In the High School Division, the first prize of $25, will be awarded to A. Armenta Freeman, of the Bluefield Institute; second prize, $15, to Natalie Levin, Avery Institute, Charleston, S.C., and a third prize, $10, to Walter Taylor, at Erasmus Hall, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Three boys won this year while last year all of the prizes were taken by female students.

Judges who passed upon the essays were: Miss Otelia Cromwell, Ph. D., head of the English and history of the Colored high schools of Washington, D.C.; Miss Eva B. Dykes, Ph. D., teacher of English at Howard University; and Prof. Francis Gregory, A.B., B.D., head of the department of English at Miner Normal School, Washington, D. C.

Visit Graves

The Sunday's program included a sightseeing trip about the city of Washington and a pilgrimage to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and to the grave of Colonel Charles Young in the Arlington Cemetery where beautiful wreaths were laid.

A committee laid a wreath upon the grave of Joe Gans in Baltimore, also, it being emphasized that in doing so the fraternity desired to take cognizance of the clean sportsmanship always alleged to have been the policy of the late boxig champion.

While in Washington, the entire fraternity were guests of the Lincoln Theatre at a special show and entertainment. The Bamboo Inn staged a special dinner, and a Dawn Dance early Monday morning was by a committee of Washington ladies.

Brilliant Social Affairs

Never in the history of the city has hospitality been more in evidence. On Thursday afternoon, Mr. James H. Carter started affairs by dining the entire executive committee at the Penn Hotel. A smoker followed at night.

Friday at the Richmond Armory, amid special decorations and lights, the Open Formal was given by the Sororities and fraternities of the city.

The Closed Formal by Omega men was given on Monday evening followed by a Dawn Dance by the Lincoln Club composed of students and former graduates of Lincoln University.

Detroit Gets Next Conclave

One of the liveliest fights occurred when Houston, Texas, announced its invitation to entertain the conclave there next session. It was opposed by Detroit, which finally won. The Texas town was back almost one hundred per cent by southern delegates.

Delegates present were:

E. Beaubian, E. Taylor, Cato Adams, J. B. Blayton, D. B. Taylor, of Washington; T. Fountaine of Houston, W. V. Jackson of Boston; John Lancaster, E. Williams, Ira Reid, R. E. Carey of New York, W. Hastie of Cambridge, George Cain, James Moon, C. Washington of Chicago, R. Boddie of Syracuse, R. Baskerville, R. Y. Nelson, J. W. Bluford of Philadelphia, J. D. Carr, H. D. Pindell, E. Wilson, L. G. Koger of Baltimore, H. M. Purnell, F. P. Payne, N. H. Harris of Raleigh, S. M. Dodson, of Brooklyn, R. Cobbs, of West Virginia Institute, J. A. Sniper of Greensboro, J. W. Saunders of Lynchburg, A. O. Walter, H. D. Martin of Petersburg, M. Gregory, S. W. Gee, of Cleveland, A. W. Dent of Atlanta, Dr. J. O. Catalau of Louisville, J. T. Canady of Norfolk, H. Bledsoe of Detroit, M. H. Thompson of Durham, W. E. Baugh of Indianapolis, D. W. Perkins of Jacksonville, G. T. Stocks of Houston, M. Walker of New Orleans, and F. Norris, G. Bell, of Newark.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., (ANP.) — More than two hundred women attended the twelfth annual boule of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, which closed here Tuesday night with a banquet and the installation of officers. Official delegates, representing the seventy chapters of the group, numbered thirty-nine. Gamma Omega, of which Miss Ruth M. Harris is basileus, was hostess to the boule. Business sessions were held in the People's Finance Building.

Phi Chapter at Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, will entertain the 1930 meeting.

A bust of Mrs. Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, founder of the 21-year-old sorority, was presented by Omega Omega Chapter of Philadelphia, thru Mrs. Lola Mae Garth, of Mu Chapter of the same city, to the boule at the public meeting on Sunday. Plans are now being made for an inter-racial essay contest, for which a $100 prize will be offered by Nellie Quander, one of the incorporators of the sorority.

Mrs. Maudelle Brown Bousfield, Theta Omega, Chicago, basileus, succeeds Mrs. Bobbie Beatrice Scott, Xi Omega, Washington; Miss Ruth M. Harris, Gamma Omega, this city, first anti-basileus; Miss Emma J. Henry, Pi Omega, Chattanooga, second anti-basileus.

Mrs. Jessie H. Roy, Alpha Omega, Pittsburgh, succeeds Miss Thelma E. Berlack, Tau Omega, New York City, as editor-in-chief of the Ivy Leaf, official organ of the sorority.

The regional directors are as follows: Midwestern—Miss Mary E. Branch, Gamma Omega; Central—Mrs. Althea Merchant Simmons, Theta Omega; North Atlantic—Miss Thelma E. Berlack, Tau Omega; South Atlantic—Dr. Zenobia Gilpin, Upsilon Omega; Great Lake Region—Miss L. Pearl Mitchell, Alpha Omega; Southern—Miss Maude Brown, Eta Omega.

The offices of national grammateus and national epistoleus, held by Mesdames Gladys A. Pullum and Theresa C. Alexander, respectively, are two-year positions. These ladies are now serving their second year.

Foreign Scholarship

The second national scholarship of $1,000 for foreign study was awarded to Miss Hazel E. Brown, Theta Omega, Kansas City, who will do work toward the Ph.D. degree at either the University of London or Oxford. Miss Brown holds a bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Kansas, where she was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa. At present she teaches English in the Lincoln High School in Kansas City. There were five other applicants for this scholarship.

Miss Ethel C. Harris, Xi Omega, Washington, who received the first national scholarship in 1927, was in attendance at the boule, and gave a comprehensive report of the course she took while in Berlin, Germany, for a year. Miss Harris heads the department of mathematics in the District of Columbia, which includes seven junior and senior high schools.

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Walter H. Macyck of This City Made Keeper of Records

BALTIMORE.—Attorney Matthew W. Bullock, former assistant attorney general of Massachusetts, was elected grand basileus at the eighteenth annual conclave of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity here Monday.

Julius McClain, former grand Basileus, announced at an early session that he would not be a candidate for the office. Other officers elected were: vice grand basileus, Ira R. Reid; keeper of records, Attorney Walter H. Mazyck, of Washington; keeper of finance, Dr. Daniel Taylor, of Philadelphia; S. Malcom Dodson, editor of the "Oracle," fraternity journal, Attorney Linwood G. Koger, is to direct the National Negro Advancement Week project this year.

Detroit, Mich., was voted as the scene of the next convention, although Houston ,Texas, made a bid for the conclave.

During Achievement Week last year prizes were awarded to three girls and three boys. The first award of $50 was won by Olivia A. Clark, Virginia Seminary, Lynchburg, Va.; second prize, $35, to Moses Belton, J. C. Smith University; third prize, $15, Charles H. Turner, J. C. Smith University.

In the high school division the first award of $25 went to A. Armenta Beman, Bluefield Institute; second, $15, to Natalie Levin, Avery Institute, Charleston, S.C.; third, $10, Walter Taylor, Erasmus Hall, Brooklyn, N.Y.

378 Essays

Two hundred and twelve schools and colleges were represented in the project; there were 378 essays from 27 states.

The fraternity went on record as approving the plans for the formation of a Pan Hellenic Council of leading fraternities to deal with racial problems. The order showed strength over former years and reported a surplus of over $5,000 which was held for the use of chapters in building fraternity homes.

Other legislation delt with the National Negro Achievement Week project and research work on certain phases of Negro life will be undertaken this year.

Honor Col. Young

On Sunday, the entire fraternity made a pilgrimage to the tombs of the Unknown Soldier and Col. Charles Young, where wreaths were laid with exercises. They were the guests of the Washington Chapter while in that city to luncheon, a theatre party and dawn dance.

After visiting public buildings a reception was held at the Masonic Temple on Sunday, from 7:30 to 9:30.

End Kappa Meet at Durham

DURHAM, N. C., Jan. 10.—The 19th annual session of the grand chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity was held here as guests of the Durham alumni chapter Dec. 27-31 with a large attendance of delegates and visitors from all sections of the country.

Dr. J. M. Hubbard, polemarch of the local chapter, was in direct charge of entertainment arrangements, assisted by A. Moore Shearin, general manager of the Southern Surety and Fidelity company.

Reports of the grand officers showed a steady progress in growth and financial strength throughout the country. Several new chapters were reported and a committee on extension was appointed to investigate the possibility of instituting chapters in a number of class A schools. Petitions from several large universities were temporarily withheld due to administrative problems which will be worked out.

The committee on business administration reported a study of the best methods of administration employed by leading white fraternities and it was recommended that a full-time paid executive secretary be employed to look after the business and financial affairs of the fraternity.

Loan Thousands

Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity maintains a housing fund which is raised for the purpose of financing housing projects throughout the country in connection with local chapters. Several thousand dollars have been loaned the local chapters by mortgage contracts and the fund showed a substantial increase during the past year.

Receptions were given the visitors by the Omega Phi Psi fraternity, the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and a bridge luncheon was served by the wives, daughters and sisters of the Durham Kappa men. Numerous private parties and receptions were also staged. The public meeting was held at St. Joseph A. M. E. church Dec. 29 and Dr. Lawrence C. Jones, principal of Piney Woods school, Braxton, Miss., was the speaker.

Alexander Re-elected

Officers for the coming administrative year are A. A. Alexander, Des Moines, grand polemarch (re-elected for third term); George E. C. Hayes, Washington, D. C., senior vice grand polemarch; Palmer Whitted, West Virginia State college, junior vice grand polemarch; J. Ernest Wilkins Chicago, grand keeper of records and exchange (re-elected for ninth term); Joseph Birch, Howard university grand strategus; H. R. Jerkins, Morehouse college, grand lieutenant strategus; George F. David, Wilberforce, Ohio, grand historian (re-elected). The members of the grand board of directors are Dr. V. Pinnock Bailey, Philadelphia, Pa.; Fred A. Clement, Louisville; A. Moore Shearin, Durham, and R. L. Bailey, Indianapolis.

Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity was organized at Bloomington, Ind., Jan. 5, 1911, by Elder W. Diggs of Indianapolis, and has over 50 active chapters with over 2,000 active members. Houses are owned by the fraternity at several university centers. A monthly magazine is published as the only Race college fraternity monthly in the world. Philadelphia was selected for the next meeting.

OMEGAS PLACE $5,000 AT DISPOSAL OF THEIR CHAPTERS SEEKING TO BUY FRATERNITY HOUSES FOR MEMBERS

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The fraternity went on record of approving the idea of organizing a Pan-Hellenic Council to deal with problems affecting all fraternities and the race in general. It showed great strength and a surplus of over $5,000 was ordered available for loans to struggling chapters which desired to purchase fraternity houses at their colleges. Other legislation dealt with strenghtening the order and espcially the Achievement Week Project, an appropiation being made for special research in some phase of Negro achievement.

Honors Col. Young

The fraternity made a pilgrimage to Washington Sunday and Arlington Cemetery where wreaths were placed upon the Tombs of the Unknown Soldier and Col. Charles E. Young, the fraternity's most illustrious dead son. While in Washington, the members were the guests of the D. C. Chapter and of the public at a number of social functions, including a special supper at the fashionable Bamboo Inn; a theatre party at the Lincoln Theater, and a Dawn Dance at the New Masonic Temple.

The Essay Contest

Linwood G. Koger, National Director of the Achievement Week Project, reported the most successful year in its history. Fully 10 million people were reached he declared. The Essay Contest reached 27 States and 212 schools were represented, with 378 essays. Three boys and three girls won prizes against last year's record when all the prizes were won by girl students.

Alabama sent in the highest number of any one state. Girls outnumbered boys 3 to 1 and only one person's essay was turned down for failure to keep the rules.

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Election Results

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BALTIMORE.—Attorney Matthew W. Bullock, former assistant attorney general of Massachusetts, was elected grand basileus at the eighteenth annual conclave of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity here Monday.

Julius McClain, former grand Basileus, announced at an early session that he would not be a candidate for the office. Other officers elected were: vice grand basileus, Ira R. Reid; keeper of records, Attorney Walter H. Mazyck, of Washington; keeper of finance, Dr. Daniel Taylor, of Philadelphia; S. Malcom Dodson, editor of the 'Oracle," fraternity journal, Attorney Linwood G. Koger, is to direct the National Negro Advancement Week project this year.

Detroit, Mich., was voted as the scene of the next convention, although Houston ,Texas, made a bid for the conclave.

During Achievement Week last year prizes were awarded to three girls and three boys. The first award of $50 was won by Olivia A. Clark, Virginia Seminary, Lynchburg, Va.; second prize, $35, to Moses Belton, J. C. Smith University; third prize, $15, Charles H. Turner, J. C. Smith University.

In the high school division the first award of $25 went to A. Armenta Beman, Bluefield Institute; second, $15, to Natalie Levin, Avery Institute, Charleston, S.C.; third, $10, Walter Taylor, Erasmus Hall, Brooklyn, N.Y.

378 Essays

Two hundred and twelve schools and colleges were represented in the project; there were 378 essays from 27 states.

The fraternity went on record as approving the plans for the formation of a Pan Hellenic Council of leading fraternities to deal with racial problems. The order showed strength over former years and reported a surplus of over $5,000 which was held for the use of chapters in building fraternity homes.

Other legislation delt with the National Negro Achievement Week project and research work on certain phases of Negro life will be undertaken this year.

Honor Col. Young

On Sunday, the entire fraternity made a pilgrimage to the tombs of the Unknown Soldier and Col. Charles Young, where wreaths were laid with exercises. They were the guests of the Washington Chapter while in that city to luncheon, a theatre party and dawn dance.

After visiting public buildings a reception was held at the Masonic Temple on Sunday, from 7:30 to 9:30.

End Kappa Meet at Durham

DURHAM, N. C., Jan. 10.—The 19th annual session of the grand chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity was held here as guests of the Durham alumni chapter Dec. 27-31 with a large attendance of delegates and visitors from all sections of the country.

Dr. J. M. Hubbard, polemarch of the local chapter, was in direct charge of entertainment arrangements, assisted by A. Moore Shearin, general manager of the Southern Surety and Fidelity company.

Reports of the grand officers showed a steady progress in growth and financial strength throughout the country. Several new chapters were reported and a committee on extension was appointed to investigate the possibility of instituting chapters in a number of class A schools. Petitions from several large universities were temporarily withheld due to administrative problems which will be worked out.

The committee on business administration reported a study of the best methods of administration employed by leading fraternities and it was recommended that a full-time paid executive secretary be employed to look after the business and financial affairs of the fraternity.

Loan Thousands

Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity maintains a housing fund which is raised for the purpose of financing housing projects throughout the country in connection with local chapters. Several thousand dollars have been loaned the local chapters by mortgage contracts and the fund showed a substantial increase during the past year.

Receptions were given the visitors by the Omega Phi Psi fraternity, the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and a bridge luncheon was served by the wives, daughters and sisters of the Durham Kappa men. Numerous private parties and receptions were also staged. The public meeting was held at St. Joseph A. M. E. church Dec. 29 and Dr. Lawrence C. Jones, principal of Piney Woods school, Braxton, Miss., was the speaker.

Alexander Re-elected

Officers for the coming administrative year are A. A. Alexander, Des Moines, grand polemarch (re-elected for third term); George E. C. Hayes, Washington, D. C., senior vice grand polemarch; Palmer Whitted, West Virginia State college, junior vice grand polemarch; J. Ernest Wilkins Chicago, grand keeper of records and exchange (re-elected for ninth term); Joseph Birch, Howard university grand strategus; H. R. Jerkins, Morehouse college, grand lieutenant strategus; George F. David, Wilberforce, Ohio, grand historian (re-elected). The members of the grand board of directors are Dr. V. Pinnock Bailey, Philadelphia, Pa.; Fred A. Clement, Louisville; A. Moore Shearin, Durham, and R. L. Bailey, Indianapolis.

Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity was organized at Bloomington, Ind., Jan. 5, 1911, by Elder W. Diggs of Indianapolis, and has over 50 active chapters with over 2,000 active members. Houses are owned by the fraternity at several university centers. A monthly magazine is published as the only Race college fraternity monthly in the world. Philadelphia was selected for the next meeting.

OMEGAS PLACE $5,000 AT DISPOSAL OF THEIR CHAPTERS SEEKING TO BUY FRATERNITY HOUSES FOR MEMBERS

Baltimore, Md.—Omega Psi Phi Fraternity brought its 18th annual session to a close here Monday afternoon of last week after what was declared to have been the most harmonious session in its history.

The fraternity went on record approving the idea of organizing a Pan-Hellenic Council to deal with problems affecting all fraternities and the race in general. It showed great strength and a surplus of over $5,000 was ordered available for loans to struggling chapters which desired to purchase fraternity houses at their colleges. Other legislation dealt with strenghtening the order and espcially the Achievement Week Project, an appropiation being made for special research in some phase of Negro achievement.

Honors Col. Young

The fraternity made a pilgrimage to Washington Sunday and Arlington Cemetery where wreaths were placed upon the Tombs of the Unknown Soldier and Col. Charles E. Young, the fraternity's most illustrious dead son. While in Washington, the members were the guests of the D. C. Chapter and of the public at a number of social functions, including a special supper at the fashionable Bamboo Inn; a theatre party at the Lincoln Theater, and a Dawn Dance at the New Masonic Temple.

The Essay Contest

Linwood G. Koger, National Director of the Achievement Week Project, reported the most successful year in its history. Fully 10 million people were reached he declared. The Essay Contest reached 27 States and 212 schools were represented, with 378 essays. Three boys and three girls won prizes against last year's record when all the prizes were won by girl students.

Alabama sent in the highest number of any one state. Girls outnumbered boys 3 to 1 and only one person's essay was turned down for failure to keep the rules.

Prizes were awarded as follows: College Division: First prize to Olivia S Clark, Va. Theological Seminary and College, Lynchburg; 2nd prize—$35 to Moses Belton, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C.; 3rd prize of $15 to Charles Turner at the last named school.

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Detroit Next Year

The next session will be held at Detroit, Mich.

Officers Elected

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Brilliantly Entertained

The social sessions were the most brilliant in the history of the conclave. Parties, open and closed formal affairs; dawn dances and even matince dances and supper shows were on every day while the visitors were in the city. Besides these, several private parties went the rounds in honor of the various house guests of the season.

TEXAS TO ENTERTAIN ALPHA KAPPA; ALPHA SORORITY NEXT WINTER; KANSAS CITY GIRL IS HONORED

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The regional directors are as follows: Eastern—Mrs. Gladys A. Pullum and Theresa C. Alexander, respectively, are two-year positions These ladies are now serving their second year

Central—Mrs. Althea Omega; Southern—Miss Hazel E Brown, Beta Omega, to Miss Maude Brown, Eta Omega

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A. K. A. SUPREME BASILEUS

MRS. MAUDELLE B. BOUSEFIELD

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NTIRE PERIOD DEVOTED TO BUSINESS POINTING TOWARD A CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM

The Tenth Annual Boule of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority convening in Nashville, Tennessee, December 26-30, 1929, was the most successful in the history of the Sorority. Delegates from twenty-four of the twenty-nine chapters were present, besides visiting Sorors who were not delegates, representing forty states. The meetings were held at the Morris Memorial Building.

Much business was accomplished and many new ideas developed. Plans were formulated for the establishment of a substantial scholarship fund to be secured by voluntary gifts and pledges, and the interest from which to be used each year as a scholarship for the girl chosen by the Sorority as the most deserving according to its standards of judgment. Gifts for this should be sent to Mrs. Ruth Tappe Scruggs, 473 Jefferson Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

A committee was also appointed to compile a complete record of the Sorority from its beginning to the present day. This issue is to be called the "Blue Book."

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority accepted an invitation to become a charter member of the Pan-Hellenic Conference.

During the various meetings, greetings were read from the Boule of the following fraternal organizations in session: Omega Psi Phi, Alpha Phi Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma, Kappa Alpha Psi, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sigma Gamma Rho, Phi Delta Kappa.

Owing to the rapid and unprecedented growth of the Sorority, new offices were created; namely, five regional directors, subject to the national organizer, and a general promoter of "Finer Womanhood Week."

Reports from the various chapters were extremely encouraging, and revealed the progress which Zeta has made in the ten years of her existence, and her hopes and plans for the future.

The public meeting was held Sunday, December 29, at Fisk Memorial Chapel, and was a tremendous success. Greetings were received from the fraternities, sororities, educational institutions, and federated clubs of Nashville. The principal address was a masterpiece of literary art, and was faultlessly delivered by Joanna A. Houston, a former Grand Basileus of Zeta Phi Beta, and at present Asst. Dean of Women at Howard University.

At the final session on Monday, Mrs. J. C. Napier, an honorary member, was duly initiated. At the close of the session a memorial service was held for departed members whose demise has occurred since the adjournment of the 1928 Boule.

Mrs. R. T. Scruggs, was unanimously re-elected for the fourth successive term as Grand Basileus. The other officers elected were, first Anti-Basileus, Miss L. J. Bell, Shreveport, La.; second Anti-Basileus, Miss Lydia Mason, New York City; Grammateus, Miss E. Z. Graves of Richmond, Va. Grammateus Tamiouches, Miss Venetia E. Nichols, of Atlanta, who was re-elected for the sixth successive term, and Jerveler, Mrs. B. A. Jackson, Nashville.

Several chapters vied with each other in inviting the Boule to be their guests in 1930. So keen was the competition that a committee was appointed to deliberate carefully upon each invitation, and to render its decision within a reasonable time.

The Sorors took the opportunity to congratulate one of their most distinguished members, Mrs. Sallie Stewart, upon her recent appointment, by Pres. Hoover to the Bureau of Child Hygiene.

Lambda chapter, Nashville, acquitted herself nobly as hostess, and to her are extended sincere expressions of appreciation and sisterly love. A public reception at Hale Hall, Tennessee State College, a luncheon at Morris Memorial Building at which time remarks were made by each soror present, and a formal dance, were her contributions.

The Boule also wishes to thank the other organizations whose social courtesies made its stay a very pleasant and never-to-be-forgotten one. Among these were an Oriental dance, given by Phi Beta Sigma, our brothers, who presented a silver loving cup to the Boule from the three Nashville chapters of the Fraternity; a dance by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; a dance by Alphi Phi Alpha; a Dawn dance by Upsilon chapter of Zeta Phi Beta; a house party by the undergraduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi; a sight-seeing tour by the graduate chapter of the same fraternity, and a Midnight Frolic by the Meharry chapter of Phi Beta Sigma. Unique favors were presented at most of these functions. The formal dance given by the hostess chapter brought to a close the most effective session of the Sorority in its ten years' existence.

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Body Will Meet at Wiley College For Session Next Year

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Weeks Sessions Active

A meeting of the directorate was held on Friday afternoon, December 27th. The boule was officially opened on Saturday morning, December 28th, at 9:30 o'clock. The delegates were registered, and various committees were appointed at that meeting.

The public meeting was held Sunday at 4 o'clock at the Central Baptist Church, Washington and Ewing avenues. Mrs. Bousfield, now basileus of the group was the principa speaker. The New Negro, his need for and interpretation of the truth were the salient points in her address.

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School Fraternities.

ALPHAS ADOPT BIENNIAL CONVENTION PLAN; ATLANTA CONVENTION SETS A NEW REGISTRATION MARK

Atlanta, Ga.—Delegates at the twenty-second annual convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, in session here last week, pioneered the way in adopting a several-years-old proposal to meet every two years.

In accord with the new system the noted Greek-letter organization, the first collegiate fraternity established among Negroes will omit the usual national gathering next winter. Instead there will be held regional meetings, comprising chapters of the group located in a specified area.

The next national convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will be held in December 1931, will commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization and will be held at Ithaca, N. Y., the seat of Cornell University, where the fraternity was founded in 1907, if present plans now under consideration materialize.

Election of Officers

Only four changes were made in the official roster of the fraternity, and they were made to fill vacancies caused by resignation or the election to another office of the then incumbents.

William S. Randolph, a professor at Virginia Seminary and College, Lynchburg, Va., was elected to succeed Prof. Robert P. Daniel of Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va., as Eastern Vice-President.

William Warrick Cardozo, of Ohio State University, was elected Western Vice-President to succeed Theodore M. Berry, of the University of Cincinnati.

P. Bernard Young, Jr., Managing Editor of the Norfolk, Va., Journal and Guide, was elected Editor-In-Chief of The Sphinx, official Alpha organ, to succeed Attorney Oscar C. Brown, of Chicago, Ill., who was made Editor Emeritus.

Prof. Robert P. Daniel, formr Eastern Vice President, was elected to the Executive Council to succeed Prof. Randolph, who had been elected to the eastern vice-presidency.

Others Re-Elected

Other national officers, all of whom were re-elected, are: Dr. B. Andrew Rose, Dayton, Ohio, President; Charles V. Greene, Atlanta, Ga., Southern Vice-President; Raymond W. Cannon, Minneapolis, Minn., Director of Education; Joseph B. Evans, Atlanta, Secretary; Attorney Percival R. Piper, Detroit, Mich., Treasurer; and Attorneys Perry B. Jackson, Cleveland, Ohio, and Myles A. Paige, New York City, members of the Executive Council.

Record Registrations

Figures announced by the local registration committee indicated that this convention set a new record in point of total delegate and visiting members present. Outstanding features of the convention included the continuance of the plan to award ten scholarships annually to deserving students. This year, instead of being awarded exclusively to college students, five of the ten will go to outstanding high school seniors.

Believeing that its Educational Campaign would produce more effective results by emphasizing newer trends, the fraternity voted to change its program from one mainly interested in the going to high school and college of colored youth, to the adjustment of themselves in courses designed to meet the new needs of a more modern era.

Special interest was aroused by the one volume history of the fraternity prepared by the well-known writer and historian, Prof. Charles H. Wesley, of Howard University, and placed on sale for the first time at this convention.

Cup Awards

Sigma Lambda Chapter of New Orleans, La., won both the McGhee and Balfour Cups for evidencing the most outstanding chapter activity of the year.

Lavish Entertainment

Detailed description of the lavish entertainment that Atlanta and its individuals and organizations devoted to making the convention guests merry is impossible here, but that Atlanta, by the novelty and completeness of its parties, dinners, and dances rivalled the entertainment provided by any other host city to the Alphas, is a fact every visitor concedes.

The Kappa Alpha Psi, the Omega Psi Phi, and the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity local chapters and the local groups of Sigma Gamma Rho, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, and Zeta Phi Beta sororities staged some of the niftiest affairs in local social history.

Tuskegee Pilgrimage

Although the Convention was held at Atlanta, the seat of Eta Lambda, Alpha Pi, Alpha Phi, and Alpha Rho Chapters, Alpha Nu Lambda Chapter of Tuskegee was joint host to the conclave. The Pilgrimage on Saturday of last week to the famous Alabama school was an added feature which included a scheduled meeting that was necessarily postponed because of unforeseen delay in the arrival of the delegates from Atlanta, a novel dance, a sightseeing tour, and special services in Tuskegee's famous chapel.

The public meeting in Atlanta Sunday night. Dec. 29 was featured by addresses by Dr. Will W. Alexander, Director of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, and Bishop R. E. Jones, of the New Orleans Area of the M. E. Church.

Touching Memorial Services were held during the convention for a dead member, the famous A. F. Herndon, of the Atlanta Life Insurance Co., and liberal benefactor to humanity.

Negro Superiority in Kansas

The Survey, January 1930

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The above quotation we are carrying through the courtesy of the *Survey Magazine*. It is food for thought for that type of persons who undertake by force to fasten upon the mind of the public the theory of the inherent inferiority of human beings whom God made in His own image and lieness. To the Negro this statement quoted above carries two surprises; one is that in a great university like that of Kansas there should obtain such a sense of fair play and justice in grading Negro students as that they should ever attain to such a degree of excellence in scholarship. Cincinnati, Ohio, New Orleans La.

It is well known, and generally referred to by Negro students in white universities, that it is difficult for them to get an even break in matters of scholarship because of the traditional bias of many of the professors under whom they have studied. We have just had a letter from a reasonably capable and industrious colored student in a great Northern university who says, "I have just finished my term's work and am ready for examination this week. I am sure that I will pass, but not so sure that I will receive such grades as I should like. I have seen it demonstrated here that there is a determination that a Negro shall not have the honor of excelling in his course of study."

Surprising also is the fact that after these Negro girls had succeeded in attaining a grade of excellence, the mediums of publicity would herald this fact to the world. Of course, there is no such thing as innate racial superiority or inferiority. No science of biology, or sociology, or psychology, or philosophy, has ever been able to substantiate the theory of the innate superiority of any human being over another whether white or black. All men are expressions of the life of God in whom the unity of the race is as certain as is the character of God itself. The thing that counts is application, when opportunity is given, to make the most out of one's capacity, which is never racial but individual; and to utilize all of the factors of one's environment in the effort for individual personal excellence.

The University of Kansas has set an example in its democratic attitude toward this group of Negro students. The time has come when every Northern university should jealously assert its attitude in the same spirit of fair play and justice. The spirit of our American institutions should be to give a man what he merits, losing sight of all gradation out of deference to racial whims, prejudice, and traditional expedients.

NASHVILLE CAPTURES ANNUAL SORORITY MEETING

DELTA SIGMA THETA WILL MEET HERE NEXT DECEMBER

Mrs. Anna Johnson-Thompson Elected President for a Two-Year Term—Meet Adjourns

(Nashville, Globe)

Pittsburgh, Pa. Jan. 6—Completing one of the most successful conventions in its history, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority unanimously elected Mrs. Anna Johnson Thompson, M. A. University of Pennsylvania of Washington, D. C., grand president here Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Thompson succeeds Mrs. Ethel Lomay Calimese, Cincinnati, Ohio. She will serve for the two year period until the Grand Chapter convenes in Nashville, Tennessee, in December, 1931.

Other Officers elected were Mrs. Jeannette Triplet-Jones, Lambda Chapter, Chicago, who was unanimously elected first vice president; Mrs. Jeanie Baer Shief, Beta Sigma, Washington, D. C., former grand secretary, who was elected second vice president; Miss Grace I. Woodson, Delta Sigma, Wilberforce, grand secretary; Miss Marion L. Palmer, Mu Sigma, Norfolk, Virginia, treasurer; Mrs. Sarah Pelham Speaks, Beta Sigma, Washinton, D. C., journalist.

The convention opened Friday morning with one hundred women in attendance. Official delegates from twenty-four of the forty-four chapters of the seventeen year old sorority, reported unusual activity during the last two years, particularly in assistance given to worthy girls in colleges and the award of scholarships.

Iota chapter in Boston reported the award of two scholarships of $100 each to the deserving girls in Radcliffe College; Lambda in Chicago, reported the annual award of $125 to girls in the University of Chicago while Zeta and Gamma Sigma chapters in Cincinnati reported. Having given three scholarships totaling $200 and loans to needy students on the campus of the University of Cincinnati to the amount of $300. From Los Angeles Nu Sigma chapter reported the award of three scholarships totally $200 while Epsilon Sigma in Baltimore reported a scholarhip of $100 to a worthy high school graduate and the establishment of two-year scholarship of $300 which will be awarded for the first time this spring. These awards are in addition to the annual scholarship awards made this fall to Eulacia Shamberger of Radcliff College and Viola Arrington of the University of Pennsylvania, by the Grand Chapter.

Among the Deltas who received honors during the past year were Creta Adams of the University of Kansas who has four prints on exhibition at the World's Art Exhibit in Czecho-Slavakia.

The interesting and constructive legislation during the convention includes the creation of a national vigililance committee which will interest itself in the advancement if the race and the welfare of Negro women by commending or protecting legislation which affects the group, and its women. It will deal with political civic, social and economic problems which are aggrevated by adverse propaganda. Miss Layla Lane of New York City is chairman of this committee.

The convention addressed a letter to President Hoover commending the proposed commission to investigate the Haitian situation and endorsing for membership on the commission, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, one of the honorary members of the sorority, and Mr. Rayford Logan of Richmond, Virginia, who has made an extensive study of the situation there.

The convention voted to become a life member of the Society for the Study of Negro Life and History. It contributed $500 to the Interracial Peace Commission with which Mrs. Alice Dunbar-Nelson, another of their honorary members is working as executive secretary, and donated $100 to the million dollar endowment fund campaign of Wilberforce University.

Miss Gussie Emanuel of New York City was granted a loan of $500 to enable her to continue her graduate study abroad at the University of Paris. She will sail January 26.

Mrs. Jeannette Jones of Chicago, will serve as chairman of the scholarship committee for the next two years. Other members of the committee are: Irene Johnson of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Julia Bumbry Jones of Pittsburgh, Miss Gladys Jamison, Petersburg, Va., and Miss Beatrice Penman of Kansas City.

The newly created Judiciary committee is composed of Miss Mayme Diggs, Baltimore, chairman; Miss Ernestine Singleton, Ann Arbor, Miss Rowena Buckelroy, Lawrence Kansas; Miss Althea Chapman, Cincinnati and Mrs. Elna Johnson Braddock, Gary, Indiana.

The members of the constitution committee are Miss Gwendolyn Covington, Chicago, chairman; Miss Jennie Baer Shief, Washington; Miss Kather Henderson, Chicago; Miss Edith Brown, Boston; Miss Gussie Cowan, Talladega.

A community meeting was held Sunday afternoon at the Warren Methodist Episcopal Church at which time Mrs. Ethel Calimese, retiring president, was the principal speaker. This was followed by a Fellowship Tea at the Y. M. C. A. given by the Patroness Board of the Hostess chapters. Mrs. Alice Dunbar-Nelson was the speaker, and Miss Grace Lowndes, civic secretary of the Urban League and patroness of the sorority, mistress of ceremonies.

The delegates and visitors were Marion Chambers, Alpha, Washington, Ruth Routt, Marie McIngraham, Beta, Wilberforce; Clementine Murphy, Viola Arrington, Gamma, Philadelphia; A. Dukye Wood, Epsilon, Columbus, Ohio; Jeannette T. Jones, Esther Henderson, Gwendolyn Covington, Gwendolyn Harris, Lambda, Chicago; Edith Brown, Ellen Miller, Ruth Smith, Iota, Boston; Ernestine Singleton, Nu, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Edna Kinchion, Alpha Epsilon, Pittsburgh, Harriette Hall, Mu, Pittsburgh; Layle Lane, Alpha Sigma, New York City; Anna Thompson, Jennie Baer Shief, Juanita Howard, Sara Speaks, Beta Sigma, Washington; Ethel L. Calimese, Beatrice Morton, Althea Chapman, Charlie Cole, Mary Holloway, Gamma Sigba, Cincinnati; Grace I. Woodson, Delta Sigma, Wilberforce; Mayme Diggs, Meta Raddan, Epsilon Sigma, Baltimore; Rowena Muckelroy, Mu Sigma, Los Angeles; Marion L. Palmer, Nu Sigma, Norfolk, Va.; Elizabeth Hunter, Zenobia Martin, Zeta Cincinnati; Amy Eustis, Psi, Lawrence, Kansas; Bonnie Lyna Osborne, Tau, Detroit, Mich.; Ruth Davis, Ann Louise Nuhouse, Chi, Indianapolis; Beatrice Panman, Alpha Alpha, Kansas City; Mayola Givins Nannette Wheatly, Alpha Beta, Fisk, Nashville; Louise Harper, Frances Bruce, Winnie Louise Page, Alpha Delta, Institute, W. Va.; Evelyn Roan, Sigma, Atlanta; Zephyr Lane, Lambda Sigma, St. Louis; Susie Cowan, Alpha Zeta, Talladega; Louise Drake, Xi Sigma, Philadelphit; Elaine Deane, Institute, West Virginia; Mrs. Alice Dunbar-Nelson, Wilmington, Delaware; Gladys Jamison, Petersburg, Va. Florence Byrd.